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ALPHONSO HIGGINS, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY AND UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Alphonso E. Higgins, 48, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections following a sentencing hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

On October 5, 2016, Carbondale Police responded to a report of a stabbing. Police immediately noticed a male victim lying on the floor, bleeding, and gasping for air. Another individual in the residence was applying pressure to the wound on the victim's upper chest. An eyewitness told police that Alphonso Higgins knocked on the door of the residence and when the victim answered the door, Higgins began to swing his arms. The victim turned and ran into the kitchen area of the residence where he then collapsed on the floor, bleeding from what appeared to be a stab wound.

Higgins was located by police, and a search of his person subsequent to arrest revealed that he was in possession of a controlled substance.

Higgins pled guilty to Aggravated Battery and Possession of a Controlled Substance on January 19, 2017, and was sentenced to twenty-four (24) months of probation, with certain terms imposed by the Court with which he was to comply. When he did not comply with the terms as ordered, and a Petition to Revoke Probation was filed. Higgins entered an admission to the Petition to Revoke on October 30, 2017. A sentencing hearing was held on January 3, 2018, and Higgins was sentenced to serve three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on both charges. The charges will be served concurrently and will be followed by a one (1) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release. The prison sentence was imposed because of his failure to abide by the terms as ordered by the Court.

The original investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Penny J. Pierson was responsible for the prosecution of this case.