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LAQUINTA DOUGLAS, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY CHARGES

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that LaQuinta Monique Douglas of Carbondale, Illinois, age 31, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections on two separate charges of Aggravated Battery on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

On August 5, 2015, while Douglas was incarcerated at the Jackson County Jail, she battered another inmate following an argument which occurred between the two inmates. Douglas plead guilty to this charge on November 17, 2015, and was sentenced to a one-year term of probation, with certain terms imposed by the court. The State filed a Petition to Revoke Probation after Douglas failed to comply with the terms of her probation. After a contested hearing, the court found her to be in violation and set the matter for sentencing on the original charge of Aggravated Battery, a Class 3 Felony.

On August 23, 2017, Carbondale police were dispatched to an area near the intersection of Monroe and Poplar Streets in Carbondale in response to a report of a fight involving two women. Police were advised that the victim had been stabbed. An eye witness identified the assailant as LaQuinta Douglas. When officers arrived on scene they located the victim, but the defendant had fled the area. The victim reported that she was walking to the intersection to walk her children home from a school bus stop when she was attacked by a person she did not know. The assailant was later identified as LaQuinta Douglas. Douglas entered a plea of guilty to the charge of Aggravated Battery, a Class 3 Felony, as a result of this incident.

On January 17, 2018, Douglas was sentenced to serve three (3) years of incarceration in the Illinois Department of Corrections on each of the charges. The sentences are to be served concurrently and will be followed by a one (1) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department and Carbondale Police Department conducted the investigations in these cases. Assistant State's Attorney Penny J. Pierson was responsible for the prosecution of both cases.