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DEVANTE TAYLOR, OLMSTED, SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR AGGRAVATED DISCHARGE OF FIREARM

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Devante Ramah Taylor, 25, of Olmsted, Illinois, was sentenced to eight (8) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to the charge of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, a Class 1 Felony.

On May 21, 2017, officers with the Carbondale Police Department were dispatched to a party location in the 300 block of South Crestview Lane in Carbondale, Illinois, for a complaint of shots fired. The reporting party stated she heard several shots fired in the area. Officers were in the area and also heard several shots being fired. An initial search of the area located six (6) .40 caliber bullet casings. Officers were provided a physical description of the suspect and also described the vehicle he drove as an older model tan colored sedan.

Witnesses at the scene advised that a resident asked the suspect to move his vehicle and a heated argument ensued. The suspect drove his car down the street, stopped the vehicle and raised the hood, retrieved a firearm and then he began shooting into the air, before shooting in the direction of a group of people. The shots struck a residence in the 300 block of South Crestview Lane.

Other officers, including the Williamson County Sheriff's Department were alerted to the description of the suspect's vehicle. The vehicle was subsequently spotted and stopped in Williamson County. Carbondale police officers drove one of the witnesses to the scene of the traffic stop, where the driver and vehicle were positively identified as the shooting suspect and reported vehicle. The male, identified as Devante Taylor, was taken into custody. A search of Taylor's vehicle revealed a Glock .40 caliber pistol in the hood of the vehicle.

Taylor was sentenced to serve eight (8) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by a two (2) year period of mandatory supervised release.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Casey E. A. Bloodworth was responsible for the prosecution of this case.