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BRENT A. BATTLES, JR, MARION, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPONS BY A FELON

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Brent A. Battles, Jr., 20, Marion, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon.

On December 10, 2017, officers from the Carbondale Police Department located the defendant near South Illinois Avenue in Carbondale at a time when officers were aware that he was a suspect in previous incident and was placed under arrest. During a routine search subsequent to arrest, officers located a loaded handgun in the defendant's waistband. Being a convicted felon, the defendant was prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition.

On March 16, 2018, Battles pled guilty to the charge of Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon, a Class 3 Felony, and was sentenced to serve four (4) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a one-year period of mandatory supervised release.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Mark Hamrock was responsible for the prosecution of this case.