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BOBBY L. BARNES, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR AGGRAVATED ROBBERY

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County States Attorney, announced today that Bobby L. Barnes, age 21, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections after entering a plea of guilty to two counts of Aggravated Robbery, both Class 1 Felonies.

On April 15, 2017, officers with the Carbondale Police Department responded to the report of a robbery. When officers met with the victim, a delivery driver for a local restaurant, they learned that two males approached him and demanded money. The victim believed that one of the men was armed with a firearm.

On April 21, 2017, officers with the Carbondale Police Department again responded to the report of a robbery. When officers met with the victim of this robbery, who was also a delivery driver for a local restaurant, they were told that a male approached the victim and demanded money from him as well. This victim also reported that he believed the assailant was armed with a firearm.

Officers and detectives noted similarities between the two robberies and began a combined investigation. Through various means, detectives identified the defendant, Bobby L. Barnes, as a suspect. Detectives located the defendant in November 2017 and interviewed him. During the interview, the defendant admitted his involvement in the series of robberies. He further admitted that he indicated by his actions that he was armed with a firearm during the commission of the robberies, although he denied using a real firearm. The defendant refused to name his accomplice during the first robbery.

On February 27, 2018, Barnes entered a guilty plea to two counts of Aggravated Robbery. He was sentenced to serve nine (9) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on each count. Both counts were ordered to run concurrently. The defendant must serve two (2) years of Mandatory Supervised Release upon his release from the Illinois Department of Corrections.

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