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MICHAEL R. COLSON, BLAIRSVILLE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR DOMESTIC BATTERY

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Michael Colson, 31, of Blairsville, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to charges of domestic battery.

On November 26, 2017, the Jackson County Sheriff's Department investigated a report of a domestic battery in which the defendant struck a female family member in the back of her head and in her face with his fist, causing visible injury to her lip. Colson had fled the scene before officers arrived but was apprehended with the assistance of a K-9 unit a short time later. Colson entered a plea of guilty to this charge, which was charged as felony due to a prior domestic battery conviction.

At the time of this offense, Colson was serving a probation sentence for an incident that occurred on June 1, 2016, involving a Desoto Police response to a report of a domestic battery. In this incident, a female victim with whom Colson had a dating relationship reported to police that Colson pushed her against a vehicle during an argument. Because of a prior conviction of Criminal Sexual Assault, the charge was elevated to a felony. Colson pleaded guilty and was placed on probation. Because of the new charge of domestic battery and other violations of the conditions of his probation, his probation was revoked.

On May 4, 2018, Colson was sentenced to thirty (30) months in the Illinois Department of Corrections for each of the domestic battery charges. The sentences are to be served concurrently and will be followed by a four (4) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release.

The investigations were conducted by the Desoto Police Department and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State's Attorney Penny J. Pierson was responsible for the prosecution of this case.