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NATHAN D. BOWLES, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY

Michael C. Carr, State's Attorney for Jackson County, Illinois, announced today that Nathan D. Bowles, 36, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced in Jackson County Circuit Court today after being found guilty of Aggravated Battery,

On August 27, 2017, Carbondale police officers were called to a residence in the 400 block of East Sycamore Street around 4 a.m. regarding a possible stabbing victim. Upon arrival, they located a male victim with three small stab wounds in his chest area and a laceration across the side of his neck. The victim was transported to Carbondale Memorial Hospital for treatment and released several days later.

A resident witnessed the assault and provided the police an account of the altercation he observed and gave a physical description of the assailant. Bowles was developed as a suspect after the police interviewed friends and family members of the victim. Bowles was the last person known to be in the company of the victim and he also matched the physical description of the assailant given by the eye-witness. During the trial, the defendant maintained that he acted in self-defense, a claim rejected by the jury. He also claimed that he was acting in defense of his property, which he alleged was money taken from him by the victim during an attempted drug purchase, and that he did not intend to kill the victim who was at the time his best friend.

A Jackson County Jury found Bowles guilty of Aggravated Battery, a Class 3 felony, on April 17, 2018, after hearing testimony in a two-day jury trial. Based upon great bodily harm, is a Class 3 felony carries a sentence of two to five years imprisonment, but because of the defendant's prior criminal history, he was eligible for an extended term of up to 10 years of imprisonment. Bowles was sentenced to serve a period of eight (8) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a one (1) year period of mandatory supervised release.

This case was investigated by the Carbondale Police Department and the Illinois State Police Metro-East Forensic Science Lab. State's Attorney Michael Carr and Assistant State's Attorney Casey Bloodworth were responsible for the prosecution of this case.