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MAN SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that on May 14, 2018, Paul Forker, age 50, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Burglary.

On February 6, 2018, Paul Forker, without authority, entered a shed located on S. Jackson Street in Dowell and stole property located within the shed. Burglary, ordinarily in the State of Illinois, is a Class 2 felony; however, due to the defendant's prior criminal history, he was sentenced as a Class X offender. As such, Forker was sentenced to serve eight (8) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by a three (3) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release.

The investigation was conducted by the Dowell Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca Blomer was responsible for the prosecution of this case.