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ROBERT K. WILLIAMS, CARBONDALE, CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED ROBBERY

A Jackson County Jury returned a verdict of guilty against Robert Kahli Williams, age 26, of Carbondale, Illinois, for the charge of Attempted Aggravated Robbery following a two-day jury trial, the State's Attorney for Jackson County, Illinois, Michael C. Carr, announced today.

On September 30, 2016, a delivery driver for a Carbondale business was tasked with delivering a food order to the 400 block of Monroe Street in Carbondale. When he arrived with the order, he was waved down by a male subject who told the driver to bring the food behind a building and he would pay him. The driver became uneasy so he placed his valuables inside his vehicle before following the male. As the driver walked toward the first male, another male subject rode up on a bicycle and began circling him. A third male rode up on a bicycle and demanded that the driver hand over his money. That third subject pulled out a black handgun. The driver dropped the delivery box and ran back towards his vehicle. As the victim ran to his car, he stated that he was struck with a pellet in his back shoulder. The three males then fled the scene on their bicycles.

Carbondale Police were dispatched to obtain a statement from the victim and began searching the area for the suspects. A few hours later, Carbondale Police Department were dispatched to the 900 block of West Walnut Street, near Family Dollar. As they arrived on scene, they saw three males matching the description provided by the delivery driver riding away on bicycles. Officers stopped the suspects and later brought the delivery driver to the scene where he identified the individuals as his assailants. The suspects were identified as Robert K. Williams, DetraShaun Kizer, and a juvenile. When officers searched the suspects, a black Airsoft pellet gun was located in the waistband of Williams' pants.

Kizer previously entered a guilty plea to the charge of Attempted Aggravated Robbery and was sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Williams is scheduled to be sentenced on July 24, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.. He will remain in custody without bond awaiting sentencing. Attempted Aggravated Robbery is a Class 2 Felony, which typically carries a maximum penalty of three to seven years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Due to

Williams' criminal history, however, he is eligible for an extended term sentence of three to fourteen years in prison.

This case was investigated by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Casey E. A. Bloodworth was responsible for the prosecution of this case.