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**KEELAN R. BUSH, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED
THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FOR AGGRAVATED ARSON**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Keelan R. Bush, 46, of Carbondale, Illinois, pled guilty to the charge of Aggravated Arson on August 3, 2018, and on September 21, 2018, was sentenced to serve fifteen (15) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, which will be followed by a three (3) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release.

During the early morning hours of August 28, 2017, Keelan Bush purchased a lighter and gasoline, and used them to start a fire to a residence on Burke Street in Carbondale. He lit a bundle of sticks on fire in the front of the residence and lit paper items on fire near the rear door of the residence. A local citizen observed the flames and called 911. Individuals, including children, were present within the residence at the time of the fire. All those present within the residence were safely evacuated.

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