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TRAE J WASHINGTON, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR AGGRAVATED UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON AND UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today, Trae Washington, Age 26, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On May 5, 2017, an Illinois State Trooper stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The defendant was the front seat passenger. The Trooper detected a strong odor of cannabis emanating from the vehicle. The driver was found to have an active Jackson County warrant. Following the driver's arrest the vehicle and other passengers were searched. A loaded .32 caliber S&W Omega handgun was discovered in the defendant's right front pocket. A backpack identified as the defendant's, was found to contain numerous individual packages of cannabis, as well as numerous pills identified as Alprazolam and MDMA. The defendant did not possess a valid FOID card or Concealed Carry Permit.

On October 10, 2018, Washington pled guilty to the charge of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance and was sentenced to one (1) year on each charge, to be served concurrently, in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a one (1) year period of mandatory supervised release. Both are a Class 4 Felonies.

The investigation was conducted by the Illinois State Police. Assistant State's Attorney Mark Hamrock was responsible for the prosecution of this case.