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## **DENNIS E. JONES, SR., MOUND CITY, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ON PROBATION VIOLATION**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Dennis E. Jones, Sr. age 49, of Mound City, Illinois, was sentenced on November 26, 2018, to the Illinois Department of Corrections for violating the conditions of his probation.

Jones originally pled guilty to the charges of Aggravated Battery and Threatening a Police Officer, both of which are Class 3 Felonies, and was placed on 30 months' probation. A Petition to Revoke his probation was filed when he did not comply with the terms as ordered. Jones admitted to the violations and was re-sentenced to serve six (6) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for each offense. The sentences will run concurrently with each other and will be followed by a one (1) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release upon his release from prison.

The original charges arose from an incident that occurred on September 30, 2017, when a Carbondale Police officer was dispatched to an area on North Washington Street in Carbondale, Illinois, for a report of a battery in progress. The victim reported that he was sitting on a park bench when an unknown male approached him from behind and began striking him in his face. The victim was able to point out the defendant as the suspect and eye-witnesses corroborated his account. While the defendant was being transported to jail, he threatened to shoot and kill the officer when he was released from jail.

The Carbondale Police Department conducted the investigation of this case. Assistant State's Attorney Penny J. Pierson was responsible for the prosecution of this case.