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JEREMY I. SPIVEY PLEADS GUILTY TO AGGRAVATED DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today Jeremy I. Spivey, 29, of Belleville, Illinois, entered an open plea of guilty to the charge of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, a Class 1 Felony.

At approximately 2:00 a.m. on October 21, 2017, a Carbondale police officer, who was on foot patrol in the area of a business in the 200 block of West Main Street in Carbondale, heard a number of gunshots being fired in an alley behind a business. When the officer approached the area where he heard the gunshots, he witnessed the defendant shooting a firearm in rapid succession. Fearing for the safety of himself and individuals present in the alleyway, the officer fired his service weapon at the suspect, striking the defendant twice. Spivey was provided with emergency first aid and then transported to Carbondale Memorial Hospital and later transferred to a St. Louis hospital. The handgun he was firing was retrieved at the scene.

Witnesses who were on scene at the time of the incident told police that when Spivey and his friends arrived at the business and parked their vehicle, an individual in another vehicle called out to them. Spivey argued with the male, withdrew a handgun from his waistband, and began shooting at the male in the other vehicle. That vehicle fled the scene.

Aggravated Discharge of Firearm is a Class 1 Felony with a maximum penalty of fifteen (15) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. A sentencing hearing is set for February 15, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

The Illinois State Police, the Carbondale Police Department and the Illinois State Police Division of Forensic Services were responsible for the investigation of this offense. Assistant State's Attorney Casey E. A. Bloodworth is responsible for the prosecution of this case.