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JOSEPH PADEN, SENTENCED TO TWENTY-THREE YEARS FOR ARMED ROBBERY

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Joseph Paden, age 21, Carbondale, Illinois was sentenced to serve twenty-three (23) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to Armed Robbery, a Class X Felony. Due to the use of a firearm, the sentencing range was enhanced. The defendant will also be placed on three (3) years of Mandatory Supervised Release upon his release from the Illinois Department of Corrections.

In the afternoon hours on October 29, 2018, officers with the Carbondale Police Department responded to Omar's Food Mart on E. Walnut Street for the report of an armed robbery. Paden was arrested for his involvement in the robbery shortly after the robbery took place and has since been in the custody of the Jackson County Jail.

The investigation of this robbery was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department and the SIU Police Department. Former Assistant State's Attorney Casey E. A. Bloodworth and Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca Blomer handled the prosecution.