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CHELSEA JO BEASLEY, MURPHYSBORO, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today, Chelsea Jo Beasley, age 26, of Murphysboro, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Reckless Discharge of a Firearm.

On October 26, 2017, Sheriff's deputies responded to call in residential Murphysboro, Illinois, regarding a white Ford Taurus being shot the night before. The investigation revealed that a next-door neighbor, Chelsea Jo Beasley, was suffering from methamphetamine induced paranoia, and she thought certain persons were outside her bedroom window conspiring to kill her. At that time the defendant took her grandfather's loaded 12-gauge shotgun out of his bedroom, exited her residence, and fired two rounds in the direction of the perceived aggressors and struck the neighbor's vehicle which was parked immediately outside the front of their residence.

On March 1, 2018, Beasley pled guilty to the charge of Reckless Discharge of a Firearm, a Class 4 Felony, and was sentenced to thirty (30) months of probation. She was also ordered to successfully complete substance abuse treatment and pay restitution for the damage to the vehicle.

The defendant failed to comply with the terms of probation and on November 5, 2018, the defendant's probation was revoked, and she was resentenced January 31, 2019, to eighteen (18) months in the Department of Corrections followed by a one (1) year period of mandatory supervised release.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Former Assistant State's Attorney Casey E. A. Bloodworth and Assistant State's Attorney Andrew Suthard were responsible for the prosecution of this case.