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JOEL E. ALBON, MURPHYSBORO, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR UNLAWFUL MANUFACTURE OR DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today, Joel E. Albon, age 33, of Murphysboro, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Unlawful Manufacture or Delivery of a controlled substance.

On September 20, 2017, detectives with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, utilizing a confidential source, conducted a controlled drug buy from the defendant Joel Albon. The confidential source, equipped with audio and video recording devices, arranged to buy an amount of heroin from the defendant for \$200.00. Following the controlled buy, detectives collected 1.7 grams of heroin from the confidential source. In addition to two previous controlled buys from this defendant, detectives were granted a search warrant to search his residence. Evidence of drug dealing, drug packaging, and numerous items of drug paraphernalia were recovered from the defendant's residence, along with 3.4 grams of heroin, cannabis plants, and various other illicit substances.

On January 31, 2019, Albon pled guilty to the charge of Unlawful Manufacture or Delivery of 1-15 Grams of a Controlled Substance, a Class 1 Felony. He was sentenced to serve four (4) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a two (2) year period of mandatory supervised release. At the time of this offense, Albon was on probation in Jackson County for operating a theft ring and conducting an illegal cannabis grow operation.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Former Assistant State's Attorney Mark Hamrock and Assistant State's Attorney Andrew W. Suthard were responsible for the prosecution of this case.