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JAMES McLAFFERTY, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR BURGLARY

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that on April 11, 2019, James A. McLafferty, 40, of Carbondale, Illinois, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of Burglary, a Class 2 Felony. McLafferty was sentenced to serve 42 months in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a period of two (2) years Mandatory Supervised Release.

On August 29, 2017, the defendant, without authority, entered a motor vehicle parked outside a business in Murphysboro, Illinois, removed the purse of the vehicle owner who was inside the business. Video surveillance located at the business captured the incident, and James McLafferty was identified as the person who unlawfully removed the purse from the vehicle. McLafferty pleaded guilty to the charge of Burglary and was sentenced to a term of 364 days in jail and placed on probation for 36 months. When he failed to comply with the conditions of his probation sentence, his probation was revoked, and he was resentenced to the prison term.

The investigation was conducted by the Murphysboro Police Department. Assistant State's Attorneys Rebecca Blomer and Luke Palmer were responsible for the prosecution of this case.