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JONQUEL M. GASTON, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF WEAPONS BY A FELON

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Jonquel M. Gaston, age 22, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Unlawful Possession of Weapons by a Felon.

On February 2, 2019, Carbondale police officers observed an individual known to them as Jonquel Gaston, who was known to have an active arrest warrant, in the 500 block of East Main Street, Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois. Gaston was arrested on the warrant without incident. During a search of his person officers recovered a loaded .380 caliber handgun in Gaston's pocket. Gaston admitted it was his and that he carried it for protection. Gaston does not possess a valid FOID card, Concealed Carry Permit, and, as a felon is prohibited from possessing firearms.

On April 22, 2019, Glasper pled guilty to the charge of Unlawful Possession of Weapons by a Felon, a Class 3 Felony. He was sentenced to twenty-four (24) months in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a one (1) year period of mandatory supervised release.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Andrew W. Suthard was responsible for the prosecution of this case.