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GARY L. STARKS, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED FOR RECKLESS HOMICIDE

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Gary L. Starks, age 57, of Carbondale, Illinois, entered a plea of guilty in Jackson County Circuit Court on June 6, 2016, for the charge of Reckless Homicide, a Class 3 Felony, resulting from a traffic incident that occurred near Attucks Park in Carbondale on August 13, 2018.

On August 13, 2018, Starks was driving his vehicle on a road adjacent to Attucks Park, located on North Wall Street in Carbondale, at a speed of approximately 60 mph in a posted 30 mph speed limit at a time when people and children were present, when he struck and killed a five-year-old child who was crossing the roadway.

Starks was sentenced to serve thirty (30) 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. State's Attorney Michael Carr and Assistant State's Attorney Luke Palmer were responsible for the prosecution.