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JEKIARY T. ANDERSON, CARBONDALE, CHARGED
WITH UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPON

An Information was filed in Jackson County Circuit Court on April 15, 2019, charging Jekairy T. Anderson, age 19, of Carbondale, Illinois, with Unlawful Use of a Weapon, a Class 3 Felony, the States Attorney for Jackson County, Michael C. Carr, announced today.

On April 12, 2019, Carbondale police responded to Carbondale High School for a report of a student, identified as Jekiary Anderson, pulling a gun and making threats to another student while both were on a school bus.

The information alleges that on or about April 12, 2019, Anderson knowingly possessed a pistol on or about his person while on a school bus contracted by Carbondale High School.

Anderson entered a plea of not guilty during an arraignment held on April 30, 2019. His bond is set at \$10,000. A trial date is scheduled for July 15, 2019.

If convicted, Anderson faces sentencing range from two (2) to five (5) years imprisonment.

Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

*A prosecutor has the responsibility of a minister of justice and not simply that of an advocate. This responsibility carries with it specific obligations to see that the defendant is accorded procedural justice and that guilt is decided upon the basis of sufficient evidence. Except for statements that are necessary to inform the public of the nature and extent of the prosecutor's action and that serve a legitimate law enforcement purpose, by Supreme Court Rule, the State's Attorney is not allowed to make statements about pending cases or investigations which would pose a serious and imminent threat to the fairness of the proceeding. **Rule 3.8 Special Responsibilities of a Prosecutor.** For a list of certain subjects which have been determined to pose such a threat to the fairness of the proceedings and for a list of subjects which do not, please see **Rule 3.6 Trial Publicity.** For any press release involving a case which has not yet been tried, please note that: **a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of the jury.***

The investigation is being conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Andrew Suthard is handling the prosecution.

