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REBECCA B. VALENTINE, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR FIRST-DEGREE MURDER

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that on June 27, 2019, Rebecca B. Valentine, age 44, of Carbondale, Illinois, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of First-Degree Murder. Valentine was sentenced to serve twenty-five (25) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by a three (3) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release. The defendant is not eligible for early release or good time credit and must serve 100% of the sentence imposed by the court.

In the early morning hours of November 23, 2017, Carbondale police officers responded to an emergency phone call for a person who was bleeding massively inside a Carbondale apartment. Upon arrival, officers located Reginal Glispie, age 55, lying unresponsive inside the apartment with a stab wound to his chest. Mr. Glispie was taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale where he was later pronounced dead. Valentine was present at the apartment when officers arrived. In a recorded interview with law enforcement, Valentine admitted to stabbing Mr. Glispie with a kitchen knife during an argument over her belief that he was spending time with another woman.

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