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### **JAMES M. BURKE, MURPHYSBORO, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND AGGRAVATED DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today, James M. Burke, age 30, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offenses of Possession of less than 5 grams of Methamphetamine and Aggravated Driving Under the Influence.

On March 30, 2019, officers with the Carbondale Police Department stopped a 2001 silver Saturn for driving the wrong way in the 900 block of East Main Street., Carbondale, a one-way street. Burke, the driver and only occupant, showed signs of narcotic-induced impairment and admitted to being "high on heroin." A search of Burke's vehicle revealed Burke possessed a small amount of methamphetamine and numerous other pills, including hydrocodone and clonazepam, all controlled substances.

On June 17, 2019, Burke pled guilty to the charges of Possession of less than 5 grams of Methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony, and Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, a Class 4 Felony, and was sentenced to two (2) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on each count to be served concurrently, followed by a one (1) year period of mandatory supervised release. The Driving Under the Influence charge was aggravated due to Burke's driver's license being suspended at the time.

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