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DANIEL R. HAMILTON, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR THREATENING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Daniel Robert Hamilton, age 46, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections, for Threatening a Public Official after being found guilty at a bench trial in Jackson County.

On October 27, 2018, at approximately 7:00 p.m., Carbondale police officers were dispatched to the Main Street Laundry in Carbondale in reference to intoxicated individuals inside the business. Upon arrival, officers were advised by the manager that there were two individuals she wanted to leave the property. Officers approached the individuals and asked them to leave. One individual left the property without incident. The other individual, identified as Daniel R. Hamilton, refused to leave. After several attempts to convince Hamilton to leave, officers placed him under arrest for criminal trespass. While the defendant was being transported to the Jackson County Jail, he began to threaten the life of the transporting officer and the officer's family by claiming that he knew where the officer lived and that he would shoot him and members of his family at their home.

Hamilton was found guilty of the charges of Threatening a Public Official, a Class 2 felony, and Criminal Trespass, a Class B misdemeanor following a bench trial held in Jackson County in February this year. On July 25, 2019, he was sentenced to serve fifty-four (54) months in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by two (2) years of Mandatory Supervised Release on the felony charge. At sentencing, the court took into consideration the defendant's prior record which included convictions for: Criminal Damage to Property, (1992)(12 mos. Probation); Attempt Murder, (1994)(8 years D.O.C.); Residential Burglary, (2003)(12 years D.O.C.); Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer, (2003)(6 Mos. County Jail); and Criminal Trespass and Threatening a Public Official, (2015)(40 Mos. D.O.C.).

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