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**DEVIN D. BROOKS, CARBONDALE, FOUND GUILTY OF
UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPONS BY A FELON,
DEFACING IDENTIFICATION MARKS OF A FIREARM,
AGGRAVATED BATTERY, AND OBSTRUCTING A PEACE OFFICER**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today, that a jury found Devin D. Brooks, age 27, of Marion, Illinois, guilty in Jackson County Circuit Court, of one count of Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon, one count of Defacing Identification Marks of a Firearm, one count of Aggravated Battery, and one count of Obstructing a Peace Officer, following a two-day jury trial in Jackson County.

During the early morning hours of January 11, 2019, Carbondale Police were dispatched to a convenience store located on East Walnut Street in Carbondale after receiving a report that a person had pulled a firearm on another person in front of the business. While enroute to the scene, a police officer observed a male running away from the crime scene where it was later learned that the defendant had just battered a customer. The officer parked his vehicle and began a foot pursuit, identifying himself as a police officer and ordering the male to stop running. Because he continued to run, he was charged with obstructing justice. He eventually gave up and was taken into custody. Another officer who had joined in the pursuit identified the male as Devon D. Brooks. Other officers retraced the route taken by Brooks and located a Ruger 9mm pistol with the serial number removed near the path Brooks had taken. A 9 mm live cartridge was also found in the area where the gun was first pulled out. Brooks had previously been convicted of a felony.

Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon is a non-probationable Class 3 Felony and carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 2 to 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Defacing Identification Marks on a Firearm and Aggravated Battery are each a probation eligible Class 3

Felonies and carry potential sentences of 2 to 5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Obstructing a Peace Officer is a Class A Misdemeanor.

After the verdict was returned, Brooks was remanded to the custody of the Jackson County Sheriff pending sentencing. A sentencing date has not yet been set. His bond has been revoked.

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