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## **JOHN T. HIGHLAND, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR AGGRAVATED BATTERY AND UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that John T. Highland, age 48, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections following a sentencing hearing on Thursday, August 8, 2019, for charges of Domestic Battery.

On January 28, 2019, Carbondale police officers responded to a residence on West Freeman Street after receiving a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers met with the reporting party, a 72-year-old female, who told police that she had been hit in the head by a family member. Officers observed a large laceration on her forehead and dried blood on her face. The defendant, John T. Highland, was located pacing the living room with clenched fists. He was placed under arrest and admitted to officers that he was angry and hit the victim over the head with a space heater.

On April 22, 2019, Highland pled guilty to Domestic Battery, a Class 4 Felony. Following a pre-sentence investigation, he was sentenced today in Jackson County Court to serve three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a four-year period of mandatory supervised release.

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