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### **WILLIAM P. KNIGHT, JR., EFFINGHAM, SENTENCED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPONS BY A FELON**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that William P. Knight, Jr., age 33, of Effingham, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to the offense of Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon.

On February 7, 2019, officers with Carbondale Police Department were dispatched to the Amtrak station in Carbondale, Illinois, on a report of theft on the train. After a brief investigation, officers determined that the defendant had pillaged the luggage car and stolen a number of items including electronics, jewelry, and a 9mm semi-automatic pistol with two loaded magazines. Knight is a felon and is prohibited from possessing firearms.

On September 24, 2019, Knight was sentenced to three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon, a non-probationable Class 3 Felony.

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