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**DEVIN D. BROOKS, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPONS BY A FELON,
DEFACING IDENTIFICATION MARKS OF A FIREARM, AND
AGGRAVATED BATTERY**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today, Devin D. Brooks, age 27, was sentenced on September 6, 2019, to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offenses of Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon, Defacing the Identification Marks of a Firearm, and Aggravated Battery. Brooks was found guilty on all charges on July 19, 2019, following a two-day jury trial in Jackson County.

On January 11, 2019, at approximately 3:00 a.m., officers with the Carbondale Police Department responded to a report of a man with a gun at the Circle K Gas Station on East Walnut Street, Carbondale, Illinois. While enroute officers observed a person running from the direction of the Circle K through backyards in the area. Officers gave chase and eventually apprehended Brooks. A search of the path Brooks ran revealed he had ditched a 9mm semi-automatic pistol. The pistol was loaded with one round in the chamber and the serial number had been defaced.

Further investigation revealed Brooks and others had been harassing another individual at the Circle K. Defendant Brooks punched the individual, and when that individual came back at him, Brooks pulled a gun on him. He then fled the area when police approached. An unspent shell casing matching the round in the chamber of the pistol was located in the exact area where Brooks had been standing.

On September 6, 2019, Brooks was sentenced to five (5) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon, a non-probationable Class 3 Felony, and two (2) years each on for Defacing Identification Marks of a Firearm and Aggravated Battery, both

Class 3 Felonies. The sentences are to run concurrent with each other. Brooks has two prior felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance.

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