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### **MATTHEW D. MANLEY, WICHITA, KANSAS, SENTENCED TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS IN CONSPIRACY CASE WHICH RESULTED IN THE INJURY TO CARBONDALE POLICE OFFICER**

The State's Attorney for Jackson County, Illinois, Michael C. Carr, announced today that Matthew D. Manley, age 28, of Wichita, Kansas, was sentenced to nine years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for charges related to the shooting of Carbondale Police Officer Trey Harris on July 31, 2016.

On October 28, 2019, Manley entered a negotiated plea of guilty to Conspiracy to Possess with the Intent to Deliver more than 5,000 Grams of a Substance Containing Cannabis between November 2014 and August 2, 2016, a Class 1 Felony. As part of his plea, he agreed to cooperate in the ongoing prosecution of the case.

Manley admitted that he, along with others, conspired to possess with the intent to deliver more than 5,000 grams of a substance containing cannabis in Jackson and Williamson Counties during the period of November 2014 through August 2, 2016. Manley further admitted that in July 2016, he and other co-conspirators came to Carbondale, Illinois, to collect on a debt from a previous cannabis deal. In the course of that debt collection, shots were fired in the area of the 700 block of North Robert A. Stalls Avenue in Carbondale. Carbondale police officers who were patrolling the area heard the shots and observed a vehicle speed away from the scene. During the pursuit, Alex Karcher, 24, of Salina, Kansas, discharged a firearm seven times at the pursuing police car as the vehicles traveled on Dillinger Road north of Carbondale. One of those shots struck Carbondale police officer Trey Harris in the eye, thereby causing great bodily harm. Manley was not in the car which was pursued by the Carbondale Police officers and did not shoot a firearm during the incident or prior to the chase.

In November 2018, Karcher was sentenced to serve a total of 27½ years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, with a three (3) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release. He was also sentenced to serve 30 months of Conditional Discharge following his release from prison.

The investigation and prosecution, which is ongoing, was conducted by the Illinois State Police, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, the Carbondale Police Department, the Metro-East Forensic Science Lab, the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and Salina, Kansas Police Department and the U.S. Marshal's Service. State's Attorney Michael C. Carr was responsible for the prosecution.