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MATTHEW D. HARRIS, GORHAM, SENTENCED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR ROBBERY

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that on July 8, 2019, Matthew D. Harris, 27, of Gorham, Illinois, pled guilty to the offense of Robbery. On November 21, 2019, he was sentenced to serve eight and a half (8.5) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a three (3) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release. The offense of Robbery is a Class 2 Felony; however, due to the criminal history of Harris, the sentencing range for the Class 2 Felony was enhanced to that of a Class X offense. A Class X felony has a sentencing range from 6 to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

In the early morning hours of April 11, 2019, Harris, together with another, physically attacked an individual in the 600 block of South Illinois Avenue in Carbondale, Illinois. During the attack, the two took the victim's wallet, which was later recovered by the Carbondale Police Department. The victim sustained injuries to his face and was treated at the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca L. Blomer was responsible for the prosecution of this case.