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DONALD R. KENT, VALIER, SENTENCED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR POSSESSION OF A STOLEN VEHICLE

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that on January 13, 2020, Donald R. Kent, 45, of Valier, Illinois entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, a Class 2 Felony offense. Due to his criminal history, Kent was sentenced as a Class X offender and received a sentence of eight (8) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by a three (3) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release.

In the early morning hours of September 1, 2019 officers of the Carbondale Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a GMC Sierra truck that was traveling the wrong way down a one-way street in Carbondale. Kent was the driver. The vehicle Kent was driving had been reported stolen out of Franklin County, Illinois, just hours earlier. Kent admitted to the officers that he had no clue who owned the vehicle.

The investigation of Kent's case was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Jayson Clark was responsible for the prosecution.