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### **JOSEPH D. CLOPTON, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPONS BY A FELON**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today, Joseph D. Clopton, age 34, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon.

On July 7, 2019, officers with the Carbondale Police Department were called to a Carbondale residence for a domestic situation. Officers knew Joseph Clopton to reside there from numerous prior calls. On arrival they observed a woman in the doorway yelling at a person inside. Officers noticed injuries to the female's head and face. The woman told the officers Joseph Clopton, later found in the back bedroom, battered her and threatened her with a gun. A .40 caliber handgun was found under the mattress of the bedroom where Clopton was found. Clopton has an extensive criminal history, including prior felony convictions and is prohibited from possessing guns.

On October 21, 2019, Clopton pled guilty to the charge of Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon, a Class 3 Felony. On January 30, 2020, he was sentenced to four (4) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a one (1) year period of mandatory supervised release.

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