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NANSHON G. GIBBS, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF WEAPONS BY A FELON

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Nanshon G. Gibbs, age 24, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Unlawful Possession of Weapons by a Felon.

On October 4, 2019, Officers with the Carbondale Police Department pulled over a vehicle for expired registration. Gibbs was seated in the front passenger seat. Officers smelled the odor of cannabis coming from within the vehicle. When officers asked for identification, Gibbs provided a fake name and state of residence. Officers observed Gibbs making furtive movements in the passenger seat and noticed the car door open as if he would flee. After a couple iterations of fake names, the defendant finally identified himself as Nanshon Gibbs.

A search of the car revealed a small bag in the glove compartment that contained a full-sized Smith & Wesson 9mm handgun with a fully loaded magazine. Gibbs admitted to possessing the gun, saying he found it by a dumpster. Gibbs is a felon and prohibited from possessing handguns.

On January 13, 2020, Gibbs pled guilty to the charge of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, a Class 3 Felony. He was sentenced to twenty-four (24) months 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.