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### **JUDIOUS M. KIZEART, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR ROBBERY AND CALCULATED CRIMINAL CANNABIS CONSPIRACY**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today, Judious M. Kizeart, age 26, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offenses of Robbery and Calculated Criminal Cannabis Conspiracy.

On February 15, 2018, Judious Kizeart and Brandon Brooks, both of Carbondale, met with two individuals from St. Louis, MO behind an apartment complex off Mill Street in Carbondale to conduct a previously arranged sale of one pound of cannabis to the individuals from St. Louis. During the deal, one of the individuals from St. Louis entered the Chevy Impala, occupied by Kizeart and Brooks, to seal the deal. At that time Kizeart and Brooks engaged in a robbery of that individual. During the robbery, Brooks, who had been seated in the back seat of the Impala, using a handgun, fired approximately five (5) shots at the other individual still seated in the other vehicle, hitting him in the throat and wrist. That individual returned fire, and fired three rounds, hitting Brooks in the chest and back. Brooks died from his wounds.

Following the shooting, the individuals from St. Louis quickly drove to Carbondale Memorial Hospital, getting into an accident at Illinois Avenue and Main Street. on the way. The individual who was shot managed to climb into the bed of a passing pickup truck, who delivered him to the emergency room with seconds of him bleeding out and losing his life.

Kizeart fled the scene and drove to an apartment located on South Logan Street where he abandoned his rental car, dumped Brooks' body on the ground, and fled the scene with the money and Brooks' handgun.

A Jackson County Grand Jury indicted Kizeart in a five (5) Indictment on September 5, 2018. Kizeart was later arrested at Lambert International Airport after a return flight from California.

On January 31, 2020, Kizeart pled guilty to the charges of Robbery, a Class 2 Felony, and Calculated Criminal Cannabis Conspiracy, a Class 4 Felony. The charge of felony murder was dismissed as part of the agreement. Kizeart did not shoot or carry a weapon during the incident. Kizeart was sentenced to seven (7) years on the charge of Robbery, to be served consecutive to three (3) years on the charge of Calculated Criminal Cannabis Conspiracy, for a total of ten (10) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Kizeart's sentence will be followed by a three (3) 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.