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JERROD D. HARRIS, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPONS BY A FELON AND DOMESTIC BATTERY

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Jerrod D. Harris, age 32, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offenses of Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon and Domestic Battery.

On November 6, 2019, officers with the Carbondale Police Department were dispatched to an apartment complex on South Lewis Lane in Carbondale for a report of a domestic battery. On arrival, officers met with the victim who told them Harris had punched, choked, manhandled, and pistol-whipped her. Officers observed fresh injuries to the victim's head and face in that her eye was swollen, her lip was bleeding, there were fresh scratches about her neck, bruising around throat and arms, and "goose egg" sized bumps on her head from where she was beaten with the pistol. The victim and Harris have a child in common.

Officers searched the residence and found a .40 caliber Sig Saur P229 hidden on top of a kitchen cabinet, which matched the description given. Harris has a prior domestic battery conviction, and a felony conviction for forgery. Defendant is prohibited from possessing weapons.

On March 2, 2020, Harris pled guilty to the charges of Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon, a Class 3 Felony; and Domestic Battery, a Class 4 Felony. He was sentenced to three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, on the weapons charge, and one (1) year on the domestic battery charge, to be followed by a one (1) year period of mandatory supervised release on the weapons charge, and a four (4) year period on the domestic battery charge. The sentences are to be served concurrently.

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