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### **JOE P. LOVE, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today, Joe P. Love, age 30, Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Delivery of 15-100 grams of a Controlled Substance (heroin).

In October 2018, detectives with the Carbondale Police Department opened an investigation into Love's involvement delivering narcotics in the Carbondale area. During that investigation, detectives working with a confidential informant conducted undercover drug purchases to purchase heroin from Love.

On November 13, 2018, detectives executed a search warrant at Love's residence in Carbondale. During the execution of the warrant, detectives located approximately 31 grams of heroin and other items indicative of drug sales.

On February 27, 2020, Love pled guilty to one count of Delivery of 15-100 grams of heroin, a Class X Felony. The offense carries a mandatory minimum sentence of six years in the Department of Corrections where the defendant must serve not less than 75% of his sentence. On July 30, 2020, Love was sentenced to nine (9) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, 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.