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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, Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon.

Late in the evening on November 19, 2019, officers with the Carbondale Police Department located Joseph Clopton, who was wanted in connection with an aggravated domestic battery that had occurred earlier that day. During Clopton's arrest he was found to possess a loaded Springfield XD 9mm in his jacket pocket. The firearm was determined to be stolen. At the time of the offense, Clopton was on bond awaiting sentencing in another previous Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon case out of Jackson County. Clopton, as a convicted felon, was prohibited from possessing guns.

On February 24, 2020, Clopton pled guilty to the charge of Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon, a Class 3 Felony. On July 31, 2020, he was sentenced to five (5) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a one (1) year period of mandatory supervised release. This sentence is to be served consecutive to the sentence imposed in his other weapons case.

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