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### **JOSEPH R. HICKAM, MURPHYSBORO, SENTENCED TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that on August 12, 2020, Joseph R. Hickam, age 40, of Murphysboro, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offenses of Domestic Battery and Violation of an Order of Protection.

On October 22, 2019, Joseph R. Hickam pleaded guilty to the offenses of Domestic Battery and Violation of an Order of Protection and was placed on court probation for 24 (twenty-four) months. Pursuant to the sentencing order, Hickam would be in violation of his probation if the Court found that he had violated any criminal statute of any jurisdiction. If Hickam were found to be in violation of his sentencing order, he could be re-sentenced on the original offenses as class 4 (four) felonies which have a maximum penalty of up to 3 (three) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

On January 10, 2020, Joseph Hickam was arrested by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office for texting and calling the protected party of an Order of Protection as well as going to the protected party's residence. A Petition to Revoke Hearing was held on February 24, 2020, in which Hickam was found to be in violation of his probation for violating criminal statutes. Hickam was re-sentenced to 30 (thirty) months in the Illinois Department of Corrections to be followed by a 4 (four) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release, also known as parole.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca Blomer was responsible for the prosecution of these cases.