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BOBBY J. ELLET, GRAND TOWER, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR AGGRAVATED DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today, Bobby J. Ellet, age 39, Grand Tower, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm.

In the early morning hours of August 30, 2018, Ellet, riding a 4-wheeled ATV, tracked down a male victim as he was on his way to work. Initially, Ellet attempted to lure the victim into an argument by yelling insults and threats and kicking the victim's car. The victim attempted to drive away, but Ellet chased him on the ATV and fired three shots from a handgun at the victim's vehicle, shattering the rear windshield. The victim escaped without injury.

During questioning from Jackson County Sheriff's deputies, Ellet denied having any contact with the victim that morning. The investigators, however, noted inconsistencies with Ellet's story, and later while processing the crime scene, Crime Scene Investigators located bullet fragments in the victim's vehicle as well as a baseball cap which was found in the road near the shattered windshield glass. DNA testing of the baseball cap later determined it to belong to Ellet.

On January 30, 2020, Ellet pled guilty to the charge of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, a Class 1 Felony. On July 31, 2020, he was sentenced to six-and-one-half (6.5) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by a two (2) year period of mandatory supervised release.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State's Attorney Andrew W. Suthard was responsible for the prosecution of this case.