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CARLOS J. PHENIX, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that on September 9, 2020, Carlos J. Phenix, 64, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle.

On January 13, 2020, officers from the Carbondale Police Department were dispatched to the Ameren facility located at 401 North Illinois Avenue in Carbondale upon report of an unknown subject who could be seen on live video surveillance getting in and out of multiple vehicles on the property. Police responded to the scene and located Phenix fleeing from the Ameren property. Officers eventually located Phenix hiding in bushes nearby. Phenix had a cut Ameren lock in his possession. Officers recovered the rolls of copper wire that Phenix was in the process of stealing from the Ameren vehicles just before police apprehended him.

On May 6, 2020, Phenix entered an open plea of guilty to one count of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle, a Class 3 Felony. On September 9, 2020, Phenix was sentenced to serve four (4) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by one (1) year of Mandatory Supervised Release.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Jayson Clark was responsible for the successful prosecution of Phenix.