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ZACHARY O. RENNISON, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR HOME INVASION AND DRUG DELIVERY CHARGES

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that on September 8, 2020, Zachary O. Rennison, 29, of Carbondale, Illinois, entered pleas of guilty to Home Invasion, a Class X Felony offense, and Delivery of a Substance Containing Methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony offense. Rennison received a sentence of ten (10) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by a three (3) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release on the Home Invasion charge and four (4) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by a two (2) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release on the Delivery of a Substance Containing Methamphetamine charge. The sentences will run concurrent to one another.

In early 2020, agents with the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group opened an investigation into Rennison and his associates' activities selling methamphetamine. Between February 3, 2020, and June 2, 2020, Rennison sold just over 4.0 grams of methamphetamine to confidential sources working with law enforcement agents. Agents executed a search warrant at Rennison's residence and recovered small amounts of methamphetamine and heroin.

On March 20, 2020, Rennison together with three others made forced entry into the home of a Carbondale man. While inside, Rennison and his accomplices struck the homeowner with a bat and forcibly restrained the homeowner. Rennison and his accomplices then stole property from the home and fled the scene.

The investigations of Rennison's cases were conducted by the Carbondale Police Department and the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group. Assistant State's Attorneys Jayson Clark and Andrew Suthard were responsible for the successful prosecutions of Rennison.