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People v. Patrick Banks 2021-CF-542 and 2023-CF-763

Felon With a Firearm Sentenced to 10 Years

On February 6, 2024, Patrick Banks (D.O.B. 11/30/1985), formerly of Danville, Illinois, plead guilty and was sentenced to Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon – Forcible Felony, a class 2 felony, in case number 2021-CF-542, for 5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by 1 year mandatory supervised release. Banks also plead guilty to Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon – Prior Forcible Felony, a class 2 felony, in case number 2023-CF-763, also for 5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by 1 year mandatory supervised release. The sentences are to be served consecutively.

Circuit Judge Robert McIntire heard evidence in 2021-CF-542 that on September 15, 2021, Patrick Banks was seen with a handgun. On September 21, 2021, following an investigation by the Danville Police Department, Banks was questioned and searched at which time a gun was recovered from his person.

Circuit Judge Robert McIntire heard evidence in 2023-CF-763, that police responded to the Amoco gas station on Main Street in Danville on the morning of December 11, 2023 for reports that Patrick Banks pulled a gun on a victim around 9:45 A.M. Danville Police were able to locate the vehicle Banks was seen driving, running outside of a residence on Giddings Street in Danville. Danville Police Department obtained a search warrant and located the gun described by the victim, along with Banks' identification and debit cards.

State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy thanked the Danville Police Department for their continued efforts to take guns out of the hands of felons. She added, "My office will continue to work to hold violent repeat offenders accountable in order to keep Vermilion County safe."