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People v. Aaron Banks 2022CF164 & 2022CF181

On September 13, 2022, Vermilion County Circuit Judge Charles Hall sentenced Aaron Banks to eight (8) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to one count of Burglary and one count of Theft. Both of the eight (8) year prison terms are to run concurrently. Due to Banks's criminal history, he is serving an extended term sentence in both cases. Typically, Burglary is a Class Two (2) Felony punishable from three (3) to seven (7) years in the Illinois Department of Correction and followed by one (1) year of mandatory supervised release (*i.e. parole*). Typically, Theft-Possession of Stolen Property is a Class three (3) Felony punishable from two to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections and followed by up to one (1) year of mandatory supervised release (*i.e. parole*). Day-for-day sentencing credit applies to the entire sentence.

The Court heard evidence that on March 28, 2022 the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department was alerted to a burglary that occurred when the defendant entered a trailer owned by the victim in northern Vermilion County and took several items including a generator and tools. Through the course of the investigation Vermilion County Sheriff's Department worked closely with authorities from Warren County, Indiana and also discovered that the defendant had possession of stolen property from an offense which occurred in Indiana.

"The Vermilion County Sheriff's department spearheaded the investigation and should be commended for the excellent work done by a great number of members of the detective division as well as many patrol officers," stated State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy.