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People v. Deonshia Davis 2023-CF-561

Convicted Felon Sentenced to Prison for Possession of a Weapon

On September 13, 2024, Deonshia Davis (DOB 2/11/1977), formerly of Danville, Illinois, pleaded guilty to Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, a class 2 felony. Judge Mark S. Goodwin sentenced Davis to 8 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Davis will serve a term of 1 year of mandatory supervised release following his release from prison.

During the plea hearing, the People presented evidence that on September 12, 2023, Danville Police responded to a call for a gunshot victim in the area of Edgewood Drive in Danville. Upon arrival, the officer observed the victim laying on the ground with a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Further investigation led Danville Police to obtain security camera footage from an apartment complex in the area. Officers identified Deonshia Davis in the security footage, which showed a physical altercation between Davis and the victim. The footage also revealed that the victim tried to retreat from the altercation. As the victim was trying to get away, Davis pulled out a firearm and shot at the victim one time before leaving the scene. Davis is prohibited by law to possess a firearm due to previous felony convictions.

State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy thanked the Danville Police Department for their prompt response and for their thorough investigation into this case. "Convicted felons illegally obtaining guns pose a threat to the safety of our community and my office will continue to work with police to prosecute those found in violation of the law."