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People v. Jamarre McNeal 2024-CF-115

23-Year-Old Sentenced to Prison for Unlawful Possession of a Weapon

On October 24, 2024, Jamarre McNeal (DOB 1/3/2001), formerly of Danville, Illinois, pleaded guilty in case number 2024-CF-115 to Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, a class 3 felony, for 7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections to be followed by 6 months of mandatory supervised release.

Judge Robert McIntire heard evidence from the People that on April 2, 2023 Danville Police Department was dispatched to the area of West Fairchild and North Franklin Streets in Danville for multiple reports of shots fired. During the investigation officers collected video evidence which captured the shooting as it occurred, as well as the individuals involved. Jamarre McNeal was identified in the video, wearing a black baseball cap. McNeal was seen on the video firing multiple shots from the parking lot of a business located on West Fairchild Street after being shot at by an unknown person. Video evidence also showed McNeal getting into a vehicle which then left the scene. As McNeal was shooting, the baseball cap fell off. Officers recovered the baseball cap at the scene of the shooting and it was sent to the Illinois State Police Forensic Science Laboratory for DNA analysis. The analysis provided "Very Strong Support" that Jamarre McNeal was a contributor to the DNA profile.

State's Attorney Lacy said, "Felons who disregard the law cause increased crime in our community. My office will continue to work with police to seek strong sentences for these criminals in order to keep the citizens of Vermilion County safe." Lacy thanked the Danville Police Department for their dedicated efforts in combating armed felons.