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People v. Dimitri Coffey, 20 CF 593

Dimitri Coffey was sentenced today to six (6) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable Mark Goodwin for the offense of Burglary. In September of last year, Coffey used a sledge hammer and spade to create a hole in a wall of abandoned building adjacent to Gold Rush Pawnbrokers, 20 North Hazel Street, Danville, Illinois, and thereafter climbed into the business and started to steal various items. The owner of the pawn shop was live-streaming security surveillance video at the time of the crime and contacted law enforcement. Officers of the Danville Police Department quickly responded, and arrested Coffey in an alleyway behind the business.

During the sentencing hearing, Judge Goodwin was apprised that Coffey previously had been convicted of crimes including Residential Burglary, Burglary, and Possession of a Stole Motor Vehicle. The Court noted that the types of crimes Coffey has committed in the past and for which he currently is being sentenced instill fear into the good citizens of our County and State, and a strong message needs to be sent that such conduct must not be tolerated. Coffey will be required to serve at least fifty (50) percent of his sentence, and will be on Mandatory Supervised Release, or Parole, for one (1) year thereafter. Restitution to Gold Rush Pawnbrokers in the amount of \$2,850.00 also was ordered.

State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy applauded the attentiveness of the business owner and the promptness of the Danville Police Department in apprehending this burglar. "My office will continue to aggressively prosecute criminals who target businesses and their hard-working owners and employees," avowed Ms. Lacy.