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People v. Toi Lewis, 2020 CF 632

Today, Toi Lewis, formerly of Danville, was sentenced by Associate Judge Mark Goodwin to eight (8) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, a Class X Felony. Toi Lewis shall serve 85% of the sentence to followed by three (3) years of Mandatory Supervised Release (*i.e.*, Parole).

During the plea, the court heard evidence establishing that on September 19, 2020, at around 2:00 a.m., Danville Police Officers responded to a 911 call for shots fired in the 1600 block of Beechwood Street, Danville, Illinois. During an ensuing investigation, Danville Police obtained security video footage from Vermilion Gardens showing Lewis walking outside towards a group of individuals in a nearby courtyard. Lewis raised her right hand and aimed her firearm at her brother Major Jones and fired several rounds. Jones was struck in the ribs and later treated and released from the hospital. Witnesses in the area were able to identify both the defendant Lewis and the Victim Jones.

State's Attorney, Jacqueline Lacy thanked the Danville Police Department for its continued commitment to fight gun violence in our community. She then stated, "My office will continue to seek tough sentences for those who insist on using guns to resolve their disputes."