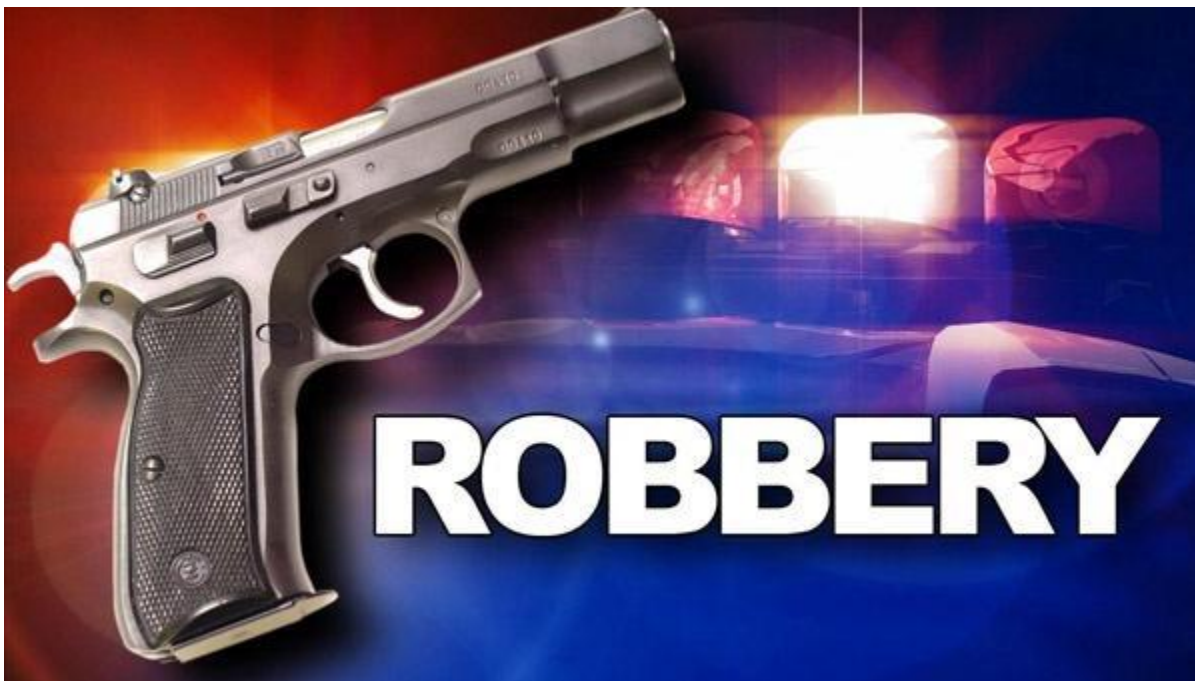


Glen Carbon man pleads guilty to armed robbery

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ST. LOUIS - The Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, James L. Porter, announced today that **Jonathan Michael Malone**, 53, of Glen Carbon, Illinois, pled guilty to criminal charges in the United States District Court in East Saint Louis, Illinois.

Malone was charged in the first count with Interference of Commerce by Robbery in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591, in the second count with Brandishing a Firearm During and In Relation to a Crime of Violence in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c), and in the third count with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g).

The armed robbery charge carries a maximum penalty of twenty years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and three years of supervised release. The brandishing of a firearm charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison and not less than seven years of prison, to run consecutive to any term imposed on the armed robbery charge, a \$250,000 fine, and not less than five years of supervised release. The felon in possession of a firearm charge carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and three years of supervised release. Sentencing is set for July 12, 2016.

Court records indicate, and the defendant admitted in open court, that on January 14, 2016, Malone robbed the One Stop Shop Gas Station in Maryville, Illinois. During the robbery, Malone brandished a handgun at the owner. Furthermore, Malone possessed the handgun unlawfully after having been previously convicted of armed robbery. The case was investigated by the Glen Carbon Police Department, the Maryville Police Department, the Illinois State Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William E. Coonan.