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People v. Michael Vermilion, 2020 CF 476

On May 17, 2021, Michael Vermilion, formerly of Westville, Illinois, was sentenced by Associate Judge Mark Goodwin to six (6) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Arson, a Class 2 Felony. The sentence shall be followed by two (2) years of Mandatory Supervised Release (*i.e.*, Parole). Vermilion was also ordered to pay restitution.

During the plea, the court heard evidence establishing that on October 27, 2019, Vermilion was observed on security video inside of Ruler Foods located at 102 N. Griffin Street, Danville, IL placing toilet paper on a shelf with charcoal and setting the items on fire. Once the fire was discovered, Vermilion attempted to steal money from the cash register. Vermilion admitted to Danville Police Detectives that he started the fire in the store to create a distraction.

“The criminal damage to a business simply will not be tolerated,” stated State’s Attorney Jacqueline Lacy. She added, “What also will not be tolerated is such egregious conduct that places into harms way not only citizens, but also our fire fighters and police officers, who work tirelessly every day for the People of Vermilion County.”