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People v. Joseph Hernandez, 2020 CF 242

Joseph Hernandez, formerly of 105 South State Street, Danville, Illinois, was sentenced today to twelve (12) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, a Class 1 Felony. The sentence shall be followed by two (2) years of Mandatory Supervised Release (*i.e.*, Parole). Day-for-day credit applies to this charge.

Circuit Judge Charles Hall entered the sentence upon hearing evidence establishing that on April 7, 2020, a seventeen-year-old juvenile was sitting in a yard on 10 South State Street, Danville, Illinois, when he was shot at by an occupant of a motor vehicle passing by his location. Danville Police Officers and Detectives arrived shortly thereafter and an investigation ensued. The investigation led to Tracy Depratt, who informed law enforcement that she was driving the car involved in the offense, and that it was her passenger, Hernandez, who fired a handgun in the direction of the juvenile.

State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy thanked the men and women of the Danville Police Department for their excellent investigation into this dangerous criminal act. She further noted that, "Violent crime, especially gun violence, simply will not be tolerated in our community, and we will continue to request that offenders who commit such acts serve appropriate and lengthy terms of imprisonment."