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AURORA MAN CONVICTED OF ESCAPING POLICE

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An Aurora man has been convicted of escaping a police officer after he was placed under arrest.

Edward E. Lesure, 26 (d.o.b. 8-23-1985), of the 10S block of West Street, Aurora, was convicted today by a Kane County jury, of one count of escape, a Class 2 felony, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, a Class 4 felony, and one count of resisting a peace officer, a Class A misdemeanor.

At about 6:30 p.m. July 19, 2011, Lesure was stopped by an Aurora police officer in the vicinity of Lake Street and Arnold Avenue for several traffic violations. As the officer was attempting to obtain identification information for Lesure, the officer saw a plastic bag containing a white rock-like substance that appeared to be cocaine fall from Lesure's pocket. The officer immediately collected the bag, ordered Lesure out of the car and told him he was under arrest. As Lesure was being cuffed, he managed to escape and then fled. A foot chase followed, and many other officers arrived within moments to assist. Lesure was found about 12 minutes later a block from the site of the traffic stop hiding inside of a boat under a boat cover. A search of Lesure's car revealed a second bag of narcotics. The contents of both bags tested positive for cocaine.

Associate Judge Allen M. Anderson set Lesure's next court appearance for 9 a.m. Aug. 30, 2012, in Courtroom 311 for sentencing. Lesure faces a sentence of between six and 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Lesure faces an enhanced sentencing range because of his criminal history, which includes convictions for aggravated robbery and burglary.

Lesure had been held in the Kane County jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail. Bond was revoked upon conviction.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Robert B. Anderson and law clerk Sarah Seberger.