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ELGIN MAN FACES AT LEAST 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SELLING COCAINE AND COCAINE LOOKALINE SUBSTANCE

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An Elgin man faces a minimum 15-year prison sentence for possessing large amounts of cocaine, as well as a substance that he claimed was cocaine.

Jorge A. Tejeda, 41 (d.o.b. 4-25-1971), of the 300 block of North Crystal Street, Elgin, was convicted late Wednesday, June 27, 2012, by a Kane County jury of one count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, a Class X felony, one count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, a Class 1 felony, one count of unlawful delivery of a lookalike substance, a Class 3 felony, and one count of unlawful possession of a firearm without a Firearm Owner's Identification Card, a Class A misdemeanor.

On March 26, 2010, Tejeda exchanged with an undercover police officer \$40,000 and six kilograms of a substance he said was low-quality cocaine for three kilograms of high-quality cocaine. Tejeda was arrested immediately after the transaction. The investigation revealed that the substance Tejeda said was low-quality cocaine was not cocaine at all.

Circuit Judge David R. Akemann set Tejeda's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. August 23, 2012, in Courtroom 305. Tejeda faces a sentence of between 15 and 60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Tejeda remains in custody at the Kane County jail, where he had been held since his arrest in lieu of \$500,000 bail. Bond was revoked upon conviction.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Kelly M. Orland and Lori Schmidt.