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ST. CHARLES MAN SENT TO PRISON FOR POSSESSING DRUGS HE PLANNED TO SELL

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A St. Charles man has been sent to prison for being in possession of illegal drugs and for battering a police officer after his arrest.

Justin J. Heneghen, 26 (d.o.b. 7-18-1986), of the 100 block of Walnut Drive, St. Charles, was sentenced today by Circuit Judge Timothy Q. Sheldon to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

On Aug. 27, 2012, Heneghen pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, a Class X felony, one count of aggravated battery to a police officer, a Class 2 felony, one count of unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver, a Class 3 felony, and one count of attempted escape, a Class 3 felony. Judge Sheldon accepted the plea.

On May 27, 2010, officers from the North Central Narcotics Task Force served a warrant at Heneghen's residence. Recognizing the officers, Heneghen leapt from a second-story window and fled on foot. Officers chased him and eventually took him into custody. In the residence, officers found 191 pills of MDMA – a controlled substance commonly known as ecstasy – 135.4 grams of marijuana, and \$1,846 in cash. Heneghen told police that the cash was his and that he intended to sell the ecstasy and marijuana.

As Heneghen was being transported to the Kane County jail, he was able to free himself enough to begin kicking the hand of the officer driving the car. When officers stopped the car to attempt to re-secure Heneghen, he unsuccessfully attempted to escape from the police vehicle.

The sentence is six years for the Class X felony, and five years each for the remaining three counts. The sentences are to be served concurrent to one another.

According to Illinois law, Heneghen is eligible for day-for-day sentencing. Heneghen was given credit for at least 882 days served in the Kane County jail, where he had been held since his arrest on \$300,000 bail.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Christina Wascher.