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ELGIN MAN SENT TO PRISON FOR HEROIN SALE

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An Elgin man is headed to prison for his role in the delivery of heroin near an Elgin park.

Rinnell Mallory, 43 (d.o.b. 6-9-1971), most recently of the 500 block of Van Street, Elgin, on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, agreed to a sentence of 13½ years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a park, a Class X felony.

Circuit Judge Susan Clancy Boles accepted the plea.

Prosecutors presented evidence that on July 15, 2013, an undercover police officer contacted Mallory and asked to purchase heroin. Mallory gave the officer contact information for a co-defendant, who agreed to sell heroin to the officer. The co-defendant and a second co-defendant then met with the officer and provided 1.2 grams of heroin to the officer exchange for \$130 cash. The sale too place in the vicinity of Foundry Park in the 100 block of North State Street. Mallory sold heroin or arranged for heroin to be sold to undercover officers on at least five other occasions during this investigation.

The cases against the co-defendants are pending. One is charged with five counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance. The other is charged with one count of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

According to Illinois law, Mallory is eligible for day-for-day sentencing. He was given credit for at least 419 days served in the Kane County jail, where he was held since his arrest in lieu of \$500,000 bail. Bond was revoked upon conviction.

"Heroin overdoses are at epidemic levels in the Chicago area and across the county. It is of critical importance that we send a strong message that peddling this poison in Kane County will not be tolerated," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Kelly Orland.

The charges against the co-defendants are not proof of guilt. A defendant charged is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.