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ST. CHARLES MAN ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT FACES NEW CHARGES FOR GROWING LARGE QUANTITY OF MARIJUANA

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A former Geneva doctor charged last year with sexual assault now faces charges for growing marijuana in his home.

Mark G.P. Lewis, 55 (d.o.b. 7-4-1959), of the 0-99 block of Squire Lane, St. Charles, is charged with one count each of unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver, a Class X felony, possession of cannabis, a Class 1 felony, production of cannabis plants, a Class 2 felony, possession of a firearm with a revoked FOID card, a Class 3 felony, and possession of firearm ammunition without a FOID card, a Class A misdemeanor.

Prosecutors allege that on May 7, 2015, officers from the North Central Narcotics Task Force executed a search warrant at Lewis' St. Charles residence. They found 199 marijuana plants, 11,772 grams of processed marijuana, a handgun and ammunition. The street value of the marijuana and marijuana plants seized is estimated at more than \$600,000. Lewis' FOID card had been previously revoked.

Lewis was home at the time the warrant was served. He was promptly taken into custody and charged.

In July 2014, Lewis was charged with one count each of aggravated criminal sexual assault, a Class X felony, and criminal sexual assault, a Class 1 felony. Lewis' bail in that case was set at \$250,000. He posted the required \$25,000 bond and was released.

After the authorization of the marijuana charges, Kane County prosecutors today moved to revoke bond in the sexual assault case. The motion was granted by Circuit Judge John A. Barsanti.

Lewis appeared today in Kane County bond court on the marijuana charges. Bail in that case was set at \$1 million. Kane County prosecutors also filed a motion requiring Lewis to prove that the source of any bond money posted is from a legitimate source. That motion was granted.

Lewis is in custody at the Kane County jail. His next court appearance in both cases is set for 9 a.m. May 13, 2015, in Courtroom 319 at the Kane County Judicial Center in front of Judge Barsanti.

The charges against Lewis are not proof of guilt. Lewis 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.