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### **PROSPECT HEIGHTS MAN AWAITS PRISON SENTENCE FOR STEALING RAT TRAPS**

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A Prospect Heights man is facing a prison sentence for stealing a truckload of rat traps from a trucking company.

Kane County Associate Judge Charles E. Petersen on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, found 31-year-old **Andrew A. Schwartz** guilty of the offenses of:

- Theft, Class 2 felony
- Forgery, Class 3 felony

Judge Petersen heard testimony in the case June 24-25.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Kelli Schmidt and Jake Matekaitis presented evidence that on Sept. 29, 1917, Schwartz, a contract truck driver for J.B. Hunt Transport Services, picked up a truckload of rat traps valued at \$27,616 from an Elgin business with instructions to deliver the rat traps to Ohio. Instead, Schwartz left the traps at the home of an acquaintance in Wauconda, Ill. Schwartz reported to J.B. Hunt that he had delivered the rat traps to the Ohio destination.

Judge Petersen set Schwartz's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. Sept. 13, 2019, in Courtroom 305 at the Kane County Judicial Center for motions and to set a sentencing date. Schwartz faces a sentence of probation or between 6 and 30 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Schwartz faces enhanced sentencing guidelines because of his criminal history.

Schwartz remains free on \$5,000 bond.

**Andrew A. Schwartz:** Age 31 (d.o.b. 10-10-1987), of the 700 block of Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights, Illinois. Case No. 17CF2251.