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2 CHARGED FOR ALLEGEDLY SELLING 2kg FENTANYL-LACED HEROIN BAIL FOR EACH SET AT \$7 MILLION

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Two people are charged with selling two kilograms of black tar heroin that contained fentanyl.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 27-year-old **Polet Bucio-Perez** of Aurora and 43-year-old **Jerardo Espinoza-Zepeda** each with the offense of:

- Unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, Class X felony

If convicted, Bucio-Perez and Espinoza-Zepeda each faces a sentence of between 15 and 60 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Kane County prosecutors allege that on Feb. 8, 2019, the pair sold and delivered more than 2 kilograms of black tar heroin that contained fentanyl to an undercover officer who was working as part of a joint investigation being conducted by Kane County Sheriff's detectives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Elgin Police Department and the Chicago Police Department. The heroin has a street value of approximately \$1 million.

A Kane County judge set bail for each at \$7 million with 10 percent (\$700,000) to apply for bond. The next court appearance for Bucio-Perez is set for 9 a.m. Feb. 21, 2019, in front of Kane County Associate Judge David R. Klimont in Courtroom 217 at the Kane County Judicial Center. The next court appearance for Espinoza-Zepeda is set for 9 a.m. Feb. 22, 2019, in front of Judge Klimont in the same courtroom.

Bucio-Perez and Espinoza-Zepeda remain in custody at the Kane County jail.

The charges against Espinoza-Zepeda and Bucio-Perez are not proof of guilt. Espinoza-Zepeda and Bucio-Perez are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Polet Bucio-Perez: Age 27 (d.o.b. 5-15-1991), of the 600 block of East Downer Place, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 19CF269

Jerardo Espinoza-Zepeda: Age 43 (d.o.b. 5-2-1975), of the 1200 block of Huff Street, San Bernardino, California. Case No. 19CF270