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ST. CHARLES HEROIN DEALER FACES AT LEAST 6 YEARS IN PRISON AFTER DRUG DELIVERY CONVICTION

JOHNNY WILLIAMS ALSO CHARGED IN 2017 HEROIN OVERDOSE DEATH

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A St. Charles man faces a mandatory prison sentence after being convicted for dealing heroin.

A Kane County jury on Thursday, July 11, 2019, found **Johnny L. Williams** guilty of the offenses of:

- Unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, Class 1 felony
- Unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, Class 2 felony
- Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, Class 4 felony

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Kelly M. Orland and Vincent Coyle presented evidence during the four-day trial that on Feb. 23, 2017, Williams sold .7 grams of heroin to another person. Williams was on parole for a 2015 drug conviction at the time. After that transaction, the Kane County Opioid Task Force, a joint venture of the Kane County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, conducted a parole search of Williams' home in the 1200 block of Indiana Avenue, St. Charles. During the search they found in Williams' bedroom 15 baggies of heroin that Williams sought to sell.

Kane County Circuit Judge John A. Barsanti set Williams' next court appearance for 9 a.m. Aug. 9, 2019, in Courtroom 319 at the Kane County Judicial Center for filing of motions. Williams' sentencing is pending. Because of his criminal history, he faces a sentence of between 6 and 30 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Williams also faces an unrelated charge of drug-induced homicide, Class X felony, in the February 2017 overdose death of Ashley Mastel. The case, No. 17CF144, is pending. His next court appearance in the case is scheduled for Aug. 9.

Williams remains in custody at the Kane County jail, where he has been held since his arrest. Judge Barsanti revoked Williams' bond upon conviction.

The pending charge against Williams is not proof of guilt. Williams is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said:

"This guilty conviction is a victory in the ongoing effort to remove heroin and other dangerous narcotics from our community. In the two weeks prior to Mr. Williams' arrest, four people in Kane County overdosed on heroin and died, and in 2017 and 2018 combined more than 130 people overdosed on heroin and died. I appreciate the willingness of local and federal law-enforcement agencies like the Kane County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration to work together to address this crisis."

Johnny L. Williams: Age 58 (d.o.b. 1-15-1961), of the 1200 block of Indiana Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois. Case No. 19CF394.