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GORHAM MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Gorham resident pled guilty to the charge of possession of a controlled substance. Roger Gilbert, 59, of Gorham, Ill., pled guilty on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, to the charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On December 16, 2013, the Illinois State Police conducted a traffic stop on a gray Suzuki on Illinois Route 3 for inoperable tail lights. Upon approach to the vehicle, officers observed indicators of what appeared to be alcohol impairment. Gilbert was asked to perform Standard Field Sobriety Tests, which he performed and failed. After being placed under arrest, officers located a prescription bottle in his front pocket filled with an assortment of pills. The pills were sent to the Illinois State Police Forensics Expert at a Lab in Springfield, Illinois, who indicated that 3 of the pills were hydrocodone, a controlled substance under the laws of Illinois. Mr. Gilbert did not have a prescription for this medication.

Possession of a Controlled Substance is a Class 4 felony which carries a maximum sentence of up to 3 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections or 30 months of probation. Gilbert received 24 months of probation, was ordered to pay \$247, a mandatory \$500 assessment, and \$250 for a DNA test. He is also required to attend substance abuse treatment. This is Mr. Gilbert's first felony.

The investigation was conducted by the Illinois State Police District 13 and the Illinois State Police Forensic Science Centre. Assistant State's Attorney Patrick Brewster was responsible for the prosecution of this case.