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ETHAN DICK AND MOLLIE HESTER-KELLY, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today, Ethan O. Dick, age 26, and Mollie Hester-Kelly, age 29, both of Carbondale, Illinois, were sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Delivery of less than One Gram of a Controlled Substance.

In July 2019, detectives with the Carbondale Police Department began investigating Hester-Kelly after receiving information she was selling heroin. Detectives knew Dick and Hester-Kelly to be close associates, and suspected Dick was the source of the heroin Hester-Kelly sold. A confidential informant working under the direction of the detectives bought heroin from Hester-Kelly on three occasions. While conducting surveillance during two of the drug buys, detectives watched Dick supply the heroin to and then receive money from Hester-Kelly just prior to Hester-Kelly selling it the confidential informant.

On October 7, 2019, Hester-Kelly pled guilty to the charge of Delivery of Less than One gram of a Controlled Substance, a Class 2 Felony, and was sentenced to twenty-four (24) months' probation. A Petition to Revoke Hester-Kelly's probation was filed for her willful failure to comply with the terms of her probation, namely her failure to report or maintain any contact with the Jackson County Probation, as well as her failure to engage in substance abuse treatment.

On March 9, 2020, Dick pled guilty to one count of Delivery of Less than One (1) Gram of a Controlled Substance, a Class 2 Felony, and Hester-Kelly was resentenced on the same charge. Both were sentenced to four (4) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by two (2) years of mandatory supervised release.

Hester-Kelly previously served a sentence in the Department of Corrections on a 2015 Perry County drug case. Dick currently has a Petition to Revoke Probation pending in Franklin on a 2017 Possession of Methamphetamine case.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Andrew W. Suthard was responsible for the prosecution of this case.