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Drug Convict Set for Sentencing

A city man will be sentenced in early December for dealing drugs near a city school, District Attorney Eric R. Linhardt announced.

Following a trial, a jury found Robert J. Goff, 63, of 629 Sixth Ave., guilty of delivery of a controlled substance and criminal use of a communications facility. The charges stemmed from a controlled buy of the drugs in March, 2012.

City police used a confidential informant to set up the transaction, which took place at the corner of Eldred and Packer streets, near the site of the current Curtin Intermediate School.

The informant had negotiated a deal to buy \$100 worth of crack cocaine. The deal was completed in a vehicle. Once the car was stopped, with Goff inside, the \$100 was found in Goff's sock.

Goff claimed he was only collecting money for a friend who had been owed a debt. Assistant District Attorney Martin Wade, who prosecuted the case, argued to the jury that the money being in Goff's sock spoke volumes about his true activities that day.

The case was tried before President Judge Nancy L. Butts, who scheduled sentencing for December 9.