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RE: COMMONWEALTH V. KADEEM ALFORD

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County Jury Finds Man Guilty of Dealing Heroin

A city man faces sentencing next month for selling heroin after being convicted at trial, Lycoming County District Attorney Eric R. Linhardt announced.

Twenty-three-year-old Kadeem S. Alford was returned to the Lycoming County Prison following his conviction Monday before visiting Judge J. Michael Williamson.

A report of an erratic driver on I-180 on April 20, 2015 led police to a vehicle that was parked in Loyalsock Township. Police noticed Alford sitting in the back seat and pushing a number of blue baggies up near the center console of the vehicle. When the officer tried to turn off the car by reaching for the keys, Alford bolted from the car and had to be taken to the ground.

While that was happening, the two remaining passengers, Kelcey Jayne and Kirstin Terry, fled in the vehicle. It was later located in Old Lycoming Township. Only four baggies of heroin were found in the car at that point, but a strip search of the two women led to the discovery of dozens more of the baggies.

The women told police they had driven from Canton to purchase the drugs and Alford had offered to let them try some before they made the purchase. They said they stuffed the drugs in their bras after the initial encounter with police.

At trial, Alford was found guilty of possession with the intent to deliver, delivery of a controlled substance, criminal use of a communications facility, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mr. Alford, who was on probation at the time of this offense, has prior convictions for Robbery and drug dealing. The District Attorney's Office will be seeking a lengthy state prison term for Mr. Alford based on his prior record.

Charges remain pending against both Jayne and Terry. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Nicole Ippolito.