

THE 21ST MONTHLY

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SIBLEY FOUND GUILTY

Amite- On January 30, 2015, 36-year-old Darrin S. Sibley, of 56 Whitmar, Hammond, LA, was found guilty in a trial by jury of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute schedule III controlled dangerous substances, and attempted possession with intent to distribute schedule III controlled dangerous substances.

Assistant District Attorneys Blair Alford and Jennie Perkins represented the State with Judge Bruce Bennett presiding.

According to Alford, in March 2013, a Hammond resident named Samantha Michelli was employed at a local pharmacy. During work hours she would steal hydrocodone pills which she then sold to Sibley and others for distribution. When the pharmacy realized the thefts were taking place, they contacted the Hammond Police Department. Following an investigation, Detectives Garrett Banker and Rodney Gemar identified Michelli as the thief. When arrested, Michelli admitted that between September 2012 and March 2013, she had been selling between 500 and 1,000 pills per week to the defendant. She also informed police that she had meetings set for the next day with Sibley and other buyers.

On March 5, 2013, the officers rode with Michelli to the transaction. They were then able to identify and arrest the defendant. The detectives discovered Sibley was carrying \$2,500 in one of his pockets and \$1,310.00 in other, the exact amount he had agreed upon as payment with Michelli.

On January 26, 2015, Michelli pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute schedule II controlled dangerous substances, possession with intent to distribute schedule IV controlled dangerous substances, possession with intent to distribute schedule V controlled dangerous substances, possession with intent to distribute schedule III controlled dangerous substances, and theft . She was sentenced to serve four years with the department of corrections.

Michelli, as well as Detectives Banker and Gamer, testified in the two day trial. The 12-member jury deliberated less than three hours before delivering the guilty verdict.

The charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute schedule III controlled dangerous substances, and attempted possession with intent to distribute schedule III controlled dangerous substances carry a maximum sentence of five years. Sentencing is scheduled for March 4, 2015.

With cooperation from Michelli, on March 5, 2013, officers also arrested Tommy Anderson. Following his arrest, Anderson told detectives he had been purchasing pills from Michelli weekly since October 2012.

On February 2, 2014, Anderson pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute schedule II controlled dangerous substances, possession with intent to distribute schedule II controlled dangerous substances, possession with intent to distribute schedule III controlled dangerous substances, possession with intent to distribute schedule IV controlled dangerous substances, and possession with intent to distribute schedule V controlled dangerous substances.

He was sentenced by Judge Brenda Ricks to serve 14 years with the department of corrections for the first and second offenses, 10 years for the third and fourth, and five years with the department of corrections for the final offense. All time is to be served concurrently.

KENDRICK SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS

Livingston- On February 2, 2015, 37-year-old Kerry Kendrick pleaded no contest to vehicular homicide and was sentenced to serve 10 years with the department of corrections by Judge Elizabeth Wolfe.

On December 1, 2013, the defendant was driving through Satsuma with the victim, 33-year-old Jessica Nicole Clifford, in the passenger seat. According to police reports, Kendrick and Clifford were involved in a one vehicle crash in which both sustained life threatening injuries and were transported to the hospital for treatment. On December 8, 2013, doctors reported Clifford had died as a result of her injuries.

Blood samples taken on the night of the incident revealed Kendrick had a blood alcohol concentration of .18% when the crash occurred. He was subsequently arrested by the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office and charged with vehicular homicide committed while the operator was under the influence of alcoholic beverages.

Kendrick, of South Magnolia Street, Livingston, LA, was scheduled to begin a jury trial on February 2, 2014, when he chose to enter the no contest plea. At this time the victim's 15-year-old daughter provided a victim's impact statement.

The defendant must serve his sentence without the benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence. Assistant District Attorney Brad Cascio prosecuted the case.

COURTHOUSE GRAND OPENING

District Attorney Scott M. Perrilloux proudly joined Livingston Parish President Layton Ricks, Livingston Parish Clerk of Court Tom Sullivan, Judge Robert Morrison, Livingston Parish Sheriff Jason Ard, Judge Blair Edwards, Judge Doug Hughes, Judge Elizabeth Wolfe, and Judge Jeff Oglesbee for the Livingston Parish Courthouse grand opening on February 13, 2015.

