

Willard traffic stop leads to heroin bust

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WILLARD -- A Willard woman arrested Friday on warrants issued out of Norwalk was later found with 63 balloons of suspected heroin, Willard police Chief Joseph Daniel told the News Journal on Monday.

Mary A. Keen, 29, of 119 1/2 Dale Ave., was arrested late Friday afternoon after Willard police Detective Adam Strong stopped a vehicle with Keen and two other passengers and obtained a warrant to search it. Keen was initially arrested on two outstanding contempt warrants issued by Norwalk Municipal Court.

Daniel said the woman was later found with the small, marble-sized "balloons" authorities suspect is heroin.

Such an amount of the illicit drug has an estimated street value of \$1,800, according to Daniel.

The suspected heroin was sent to the METRICH Enforcement Unit's crime lab at the Mansfield Police Department for analysis.

"Once we have the suspected heroin analyzed, and if it turns out to be heroin, the case will go to the Huron County prosecutor's office," Daniel said.

Keen was taken to Huron County Jail, where she remained Monday. Neither of the vehicle's two other occupants was arrested.

The county sheriff's department and METRICH assisted in the seizure.

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