

Man found with heroin, cocaine after M'ville traffic stop

A Norwalk man who has served prison time for selling drugs was arrested Thursday when investigators found him with heroin balloons and a small amount of cocaine.

Jeremy M. Sax, 29, of 38 Newton St., was taken into custody after a Peru Center Road traffic stop about 9 p.m. one mile south of Monroeville. He was charged with possession of heroin and possession of cocaine.

Huron County Sheriff's Capt. Bob McLaughlin, in a prepared statement, said Sax is accused of purchasing the drugs from "Hispanic heroin traffickers" in Columbus. McLaughlin said authorities turned over information about the suspected transaction to the Columbus Police Department narcotics unit.

"The driver of the vehicle was searched, questioned and released," he said.

Norwalk Police Detective Sgt. Jim Fulton, who removed Sax from the vehicle, and Officer Seth Fry transported Sax to the Norwalk police station.

"He was in possession of at least 20 balloons of heroin and a small amount of cocaine," Fulton wrote in his report.

Thursday's arrest was the result of a two-day, joint investigation by members of METRICH, a 10-county drug task force, Norwalk police and the sheriff's office. Monroeville Police Officer Matthew McPeek also assisted in the traffic stop.

"The only thing I helped so was search the vehicle. The only thing I found was a syringe in the trunk," McPeek said.

McLaughlin said authorities notified Adult Parole Officer Jim Zappa about Sax's arrest.

On Nov. 2, 2006, Sax was sentenced to four years in prison for burglary. Sax was sentenced Aug. 24, 2007 to 11 months in prison for three counts of trafficking drugs.

"Norwalk police drug officers Sgt. (Todd) Temple, Sgt. Fulton and Officer Seth Fry have additional evidence against Sax, which will be presented to the Huron County grand jury at a later date," McLaughlin said without elaboration.

Sax is currently in custody at the Huron County Jail awaiting a Norwalk Municipal Court bond hearing today.

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