

Willard woman gets 2 years in prison for heroin offenses

A Willard woman was sentenced Monday to two years in prison after pleading guilty to two heroin charges.

Misty N. Hartschuh, 30, of 425 N. Main St., pleaded guilty to possession of heroin and trafficking in heroin. In exchange, the state agreed to dismiss one tampering with evidence charge and three counts of trafficking in heroin.

“The judge may let her out at a CBCF (community-based corrections facility) after a year,” Huron County Prosecutor Russell Leffler said.

Huron Common Pleas Judge Jim Conway also ordered Hartschuh to pay about \$700 in restitution to the Willard Police Department to cover the costs of drug testing. The defendant was arrested during an April 22 traffic stop that happened just after midnight in the 400 block of East Walton Street, Willard.

“She tried to ingest the 12 or so balloons (of heroin) ... and the Xanax,” Huron County Sheriff’s Capt. Bob McLaughlin said about the tampering incident witnessed by two detectives. “She was stopped from doing so.”

McLaughlin said Hartschuh and the other person in the vehicle, Jeremy S. Robinett, 28, of Mansfield, were stopped after bringing heroin from Columbus based on a warrant obtained by police Detective Adam Strong.

The subsequent arrests of Hartschuh and Robinett were the result of a joint investigation by the sheriff’s office, Willard police and METRICH, a 10-county drug task force. Robinett faces a Sept. 4 trial on possession of heroin.

Leffler said Hartschuh was involved with “a fairly big operation” and took over the drug-dealing business from her mother, Sheila Chaffins, 47.

“They were making fairly regular runs to Columbus,” Leffler said about the mother and daughter.

Chaffins will be sentenced Aug. 4 on trafficking in heroin. The state dismissed two similar charges when she pleaded guilty June 22.

After serving time in Kentucky on heroin-related charges, Hartschuh and Chaffins “started selling heroin again,” McLaughlin said. The drug investigation noted that Willard police and the sheriff’s office eventually “made drug cases against them.”

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