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### **LONGTIME ELGIN DRUG DEALER GETS 15 YEARS FOR DRUG OFFENSE NEAR CHURCH**

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An Elgin man with a long history of drug delivery convictions has been sentenced to prison for possessing cocaine he planned to sell near a church.

Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, sentenced 30-year-old **William M. Ingram** to 15 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

A Kane County jury on July 31, 2017, convicted Ingram of unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver within 1,000 feet of a church, a Class X felony; unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, a Class 1 felony; unlawful possession of a controlled substance, a Class 4 felony; and driving while license suspended, a Class A misdemeanor.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Greg Sams and Joseph Gay presented evidence that sometime after 8 p.m. June 20, 2014, Elgin police saw Ingram drive into the parking lot of a business in the 500 block of Tollgate Road, Elgin. Elgin officers recognized Ingram and knew he was driving on a suspended license, wanted an arrest warrant and on parole. Officers removed Ingram from his car, placed him under arrest and then found a plastic bag that contained 1.7 grams of cocaine on the ground between the open car door and the car immediately after Ingram was removed from the car. When police searched Ingram they found \$4,700 cash on him. Ingram told police that he went to the location to sell drugs, and that he was selling drugs because he needed money. The location is about 200 feet from a church in the 500 block of Church Road, Elgin.

Ingram has multiple convictions in Kane and McHenry counties since 2007.

According to Illinois law, Ingram is eligible for day-for-day sentencing.

In addition, Ingram is charged with first-degree murder in the April 30, 2015, death of Devonte Turner of Elgin. That case is pending. Ingram's next court appearance in the murder case is April 5, 2018.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Greg Sams and Joseph Gay.

"At the time he was arrested in this case Mr. Ingram was a convicted drug dealer and on parole. He is a threat to the safety of the community and belongs in prison," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

The pending first-degree murder charge against Ingram is not proof of guilt. Ingram is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

**William M. Ingram:** Age 30 (d.o.b. 7-26-1987), of the 0-99 block of Poplar Creek Drive, Elgin