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### **EAST DUNDEE MAN GETS PRISON FOR DRUG OFFENSE NEAR ELGIN PARK**

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An East Dundee man is headed to prison for possessing, near an Elgin park, cocaine he intended to sell.

Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018, sentenced 35-year-old **Maurice Wheeler, Jr.**, to 9 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Judge Tegeler on Dec. 19, 2017, convicted Wheeler of unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver within 1,000 feet of a park, Class X felony, and resisting a peace officer, Class 4 felony. Wheeler waived his right to a jury trial.

Kane County prosecutors presented evidence that at about 11 p.m. March 31, 2017, Elgin patrol officers saw Wheeler and a front-seat passenger acting suspiciously in a car parked in the vicinity of Meyer Street and Jane Drive, which is within 1,000 feet of Cornerstone Park on Elgin's west side. As officers approached the car they witnessed additional suspicious activity and smelled burnt marijuana, and asked Wheeler to exit the car. Wheeler fled on foot as officers began to search him. When officers caught him they found 7.9 grams of cocaine in his pants, and an officer sustained an eye injury during a physical struggle. In addition, the officers found two scales and other drugs in the car. When interviewed by police, Wheeler admitted that he provides drugs to his friends.

According to Illinois law, Wheeler is eligible for day-for-day sentencing. He received credit for 322 days served in the Kane County jail, where he had been held since his arrest in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Kelly Flinn and Andrew Whitfield prosecuted the case.

**Maurice Wheeler, Jr.:** Age 35 (d.o.b. 1-6-1983), of the 200 block of North Van Buren Street, East Dundee