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ELGIN DRUG DEALER GETS 11-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE IN WEST DUNDEE WOMAN'S OVERDOSE DEATH CRYSTAL VILLEGAS INGESTED HEROIN & FENTANYL, THEN DIED

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23-year-old **Gehovani R. Gomez** has agreed to a sentence of 11 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to the offense of drug-induced homicide, Class X felony.

Kane County Circuit Judge John A. Barsanti accepted the plea.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney William G. Engerman stated in court that early the afternoon of Sept. 6, 2018, Gomez sold between 1 and 15 grams of a substance containing heroin and fentanyl to the victim, 30-year-old Crystal Villegas of West Dundee. Villegas was found dead in her West Dundee apartment around 8 p.m. that evening. The Kane County Coroner's Office determined that Villegas died of heroin and fentanyl intoxication.

In accordance with Illinois law, Gomez must serve at least 75 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for 357 days served in the Kane County jail, where he has been held since his arrest in lieu of \$500,000 bail.

Assistant State's Attorney Engerman said:

"When Crystal Villegas went looking for heroin, Mr. Gomez was there to answer the call, providing her with the dangerous illegal narcotics that caused her to die of an overdose. This defendant was a drug dealer and the community should not have to tolerate that. I hope this guilty plea and prison sentence provide some justice for Crystal Villegas' loved ones. My thanks to the West Dundee Police Department for its work in this investigation."

Gehovani R. Gomez: Age 23 (d.o.b. 8-21-1997), of the 800 block of Bode Road, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 2020CF64.