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Manslaughter Verdict Following Heroin Overdose

St. Charles County- The Office of Prosecuting Attorney Tim Lohmar announces that Jason Shell, 37, of O'Fallon was convicted by a St. Charles County jury with one count of Distribution of a Controlled Substance and one count of Involuntary Manslaughter, following a two-day jury trial that concluded today.

The charges arose after the victim was found dead at his residence in St. Charles on the morning of January 21, 2012. Upon investigation, the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department identified Shell as having delivered heroin to the victim.

St. Charles County Prosecuting Attorney Tim Lohmar is taking a firm stand by prosecuting involuntary manslaughter cases involving heroin overdose deaths. "This is just one of the ways we can work to address the heroin problem in our community," Prosecuting Attorney Lohmar said. "We want to send a strong message that there are serious consequences not just for the heroin users, but also the heroin distributors."

Jason Shell is currently in custody in St. Charles County on \$75,000 cash only bond. He will be sentenced by the Honorable Judge Nancy Schneider on June 19, 2014.

