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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL: DUPAGE COUNTY MAN SENTENCED FOR DELIVERING HEROIN, USE OF WEAPON BY FELON

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced a Countryside man was sentenced for delivering more than 2 grams of a heroin and fentanyl mix and illegally possessing a weapon as a felon.

DuPage County Circuit Court Judge Ann Celine O'Hallaren-Walsh sentenced Joseph Hall, 39, of Countryside, Illinois, to 21 years in prison for the unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, a Class 1 felony, and 14 years in prison for the unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, a Class 2 felony. Hall pleaded guilty to both charges Sept. 8, and the sentences will run concurrently.

"Heroin and fentanyl destroy lives and communities, and I am committed to holding accountable those who attempt to profit from addiction to these substances," Raoul said. "I appreciate the partnerships between my office, the DuPage County Metropolitan Enforcement Group and the Illinois State Police, and I will continue to work with law enforcement agencies to protect Illinois residents and communities from the effects of heroin addiction."

Raoul's office prosecuted the case following an investigation by the DuPage County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DuMEG). In November 2018, Hall arranged to deliver 2 grams of a heroin and fentanyl blend to an undercover DuMEG officer at various locations in DuPage and Cook counties. In December, investigators from the DuMEG and the Illinois State Police executed a search warrant at Hall's Countryside home and found more than 15 grams of heroin, cocaine and other drugs that Hall intended to sell. In addition, investigators found a semiautomatic handgun that Hall was prohibited from possessing. At the time of the search, Hall was on parole for a 2014 felony conviction for possessing a stolen firearm.

"DuMEG is dedicated to serving our communities and proactively combating illicit drug trafficking," said DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group Director Jose Chairez. "We will continue to work with the Illinois Attorney General's office to hold drug dealers accountable for their actions."

"DuMEG and other law enforcement partners will continue to combat drug trafficking that threatens the safety and well-being of our communities," stated ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. "Together, we will continue to work aggressively to keep heroin and other dangerous, illegal drugs out of our communities."

Assistant Attorney General Andrew Whitfield prosecuted the case for Raoul's Statewide Grand Jury Bureau.