



## Office of Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton

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### **JURY CONVICTS DETROIT MAN OF SELLING HEROIN IN FLINT - TO BE SENTENCED AS A 4-TIME HABITUAL OFFENDER**

**FLINT** - Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said a jury has returned a guilty verdict against a Detroit resident who was selling drugs on the streets of Flint.

Marcel Anthony Mitchell, 27 (d.o.b. 4-6-1986) of Detroit, was found guilty of delivery of heroin less than 50 grams, a 20-year felony. As a four-time convicted habitual offender, Mitchell's sentence could be enhanced up to 40 years in prison.

On June 1, 2011, acting on a tip, members of the Flint Area Narcotics Group observed three men in a vehicle on Hughes Street in the City of Flint acting suspiciously. The officers passed the vehicle and then returned and observed the front seat passenger stuffing a plastic baggie in his mouth and the backseat passenger stuffing something on the floor. The officers exited their vehicle and after having the suspects exit their vehicle, they found a baggie containing 56 bundles of heroin on the floor where the defendant was sitting and appeared to be stuffing something under the seats.

"Drug dealers are a scourge on our community," said Prosecutor David Leyton after the verdict was read. "I am pleased that we were able to obtain this conviction and put Marcel Mitchell in jeopardy of being sent away to prison for a substantial amount of time," he said.

"Special Assistant Attorney General Barney Whitesman, who is working on my staff as part of the state's effort to combat violence in high crime cities in Michigan, did an excellent job in the courtroom and worked very hard to see this case through to its successful conclusion," said Prosecutor Leyton.

Mitchell will be sentenced in Circuit Court on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

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