

Netawaka Man Sentenced on Drug Charges

(KNZA)--A Netawaka man convicted on several drug charges will have to serve 60 days in jail as part of the terms of his probation.

Johnny Lee Williams was sentenced Friday in Jackson County District Court on charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to possess a Kansas tax stamp.

County Attorney Shawna Miller says Williams was given a suspended 34-month sentence on the charges and placed on 12 months supervised probation. She said Williams will have to serve the 60 days in jail, beginning May 15th.

A Jackson County jury found him guilty on the charges in March following a two-day trial. Williams had originally been charged with possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, but the jury opted to find him guilty of the lesser included offense of possession of marijuana.

He was arrested in May of last year by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department after picking up a package at the Whiting Post office allegedly containing four pounds of marijuana. Authorities alleged Williams had been distributing marijuana from such shipments received from California.

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