

Woman Pleads Guilty In Heroin Overdose Death, Gets 10 Years
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(stltoday.com) - One of two Lincoln County siblings who police say provided a fatal dose of heroin to a Moscow Mills man has pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter.



Wendy Voss, 32, of Moscow Mills had been facing second-degree murder charges but apparently entered the plea as part of a deal with prosecutors. She also pleaded guilty Monday of distributing a controlled substance in the death as well as in an unrelated case from 2011.

Circuit Judge Chris Kunza Mennemeyer, sentenced Voss to a total of 10 years in prison, seven years for involuntary manslaughter and 10 each for the drug charges. The sentences will run concurrently.

Voss and her older brother Jason Voss, 40, of Elsberry, had faced drug charges soon after Doug Geiger Jr., 29, of Moscow Mills, was found dead on April 23 at America's Best Value Inn in Troy. The charges were upgraded to second-degree murder after toxicology results confirmed Geiger had died of an overdose.

According to court documents in Geiger's case, two syringes and other drug paraphernalia were found in the room. Jason Voss told police that his sister sold heroin to Geiger for \$100, and he delivered it and gave Geiger the syringe. He claimed Geiger injected it himself.

Lincoln County Prosecutor Leah Askey said she hoped Voss' sentence sent a message to drug dealers that she would no tolerate their activity.

"When lives are lost because of these dealers I am even more passionate about sending those offenders to prison," she said. "I want people to realize that drug overdoses happen in our county more frequently than I ever imagined prior to having this job â" and not all of these people are long-time drug users or addicts.â"

Jason Voss is set to go to trial Friday in Lincoln County.