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**ST. ANNE MAN TO SERVE MORE THAN 14 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR TRAFFICKING HEROIN AND POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

Urbana, Ill. – JB Brown, Jr., aka Cocoa, 37, of the 400 block of Circle Drive, St. Anne, Ill., was sentenced today to a term of 174 months (14 years, 6 months) in federal prison for trafficking heroin and possession of a firearm by a felon, as announced by Jim Lewis, U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Illinois. Brown was also ordered to remain on supervised release for a period of eight years following completion of his prison sentence. The court increased Brown's advisory sentencing guideline range after finding that Brown committed perjury in July when he testified during his trial.

On July 29, 2014, a jury convicted Brown for possession of more than 100 grams of heroin, which he intended to distribute, and a loaded Glock .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol, in 2013, when Brown was a convicted felon. Brown has been in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service since the jury conviction.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Eugene L. Miller prosecuted the case. The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Kankakee Area Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force, and the Kankakee County Major Crimes Task Force.

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