

A La Crosse man is sentenced to prison for his role in the overdose death of his girlfriend last year.

23-year-old Mitchell Perner will spend 12 years in prison and serve eight years of extended supervision. Perner was found guilty by a jury in January of first-degree reckless homicide in the overdose death of 20-year-old Shelby Perkins in May 2010. He faced 25 years behind bars.

Police say Perner bought the heroin from 26-year-old Cory Koopman of Sparta, who is also facing charges before giving the drugs to Perkins twice in one night. She overdosed the next morning. Koopman will go to trial in June.