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Taylorville Police Department would like to thank the United States Attorney's Office Central District of Illinois for a successful prosecution today after a two-day jury trial. Taylorville Police Department conducted a narcotics investigation on a subject named Jamal Shehadeh, which led to his arrest on March 3rd, 2021, for Delivery of Methamphetamine on Cherokee Street. Mr. Shehadeh, at the time of his arrest, was on supervised release from the Federal Government for a guilty charge in 2014 for Unlawful Manufacturing of a Controlled Substance. Mr. Shehadeh has a lengthy criminal history. Mr. Shehadeh 2009 was sentenced to 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for manufacturing and delivery of cocaine. In 2004 was arrested and charged by the United States Attorney's Office Southern District for threatening communications. Mr. Shehadeh has other arrests also.

Mr. Shehadeh is facing up to 35 years in prison at 85 percent, including a revocation charge. Thank You to Case Agent Chief Dwayne Wheeler, Deputy Chief Childers, Sergeant Dickey, Ret Officer Darrick Wells, Detective Adams, and Officer Coleman, who was a dispatcher at the time of the arrest, for testifying in court. We built a strong case against Mr. Shehadeh, and it showed today. Great teamwork by all.

**Thank You  
Chief Dwayne Wheeler.**