

# Fentanyl, Heroin Possession, Other Charges Filed in Jersey County

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JERSEYVILLE - Three Jerseyville individuals and one Granite City individual faced a wide range of charges in recent weeks, including possession of fentanyl, heroin, and meth, as well as charges of driving on a suspended license and providing a false name to police.

Stephanie N. Choat, 36, of Jerseyville, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, specifically “less than 15 grams of a substance containing heroin,” a Class 4 felony. Choat was also charged with unlawful possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle (a Class A misdemeanor) and driving on a suspended license (a Class A misdemeanor).

The incident occurred on Feb. 19, and Choat’s bail was set at \$10,000. She pleaded guilty to the heroin possession charge, but the other two charges were dismissed as of Feb. 23. She was ordered to obtain a drug/alcohol evaluation before her sentencing hearing, which is set for March 27. More information about this case can be found on the [Jersey County Circuit Clerk website](#).

Jon G. Deneef, 36, who shares the same Jerseyville address as Choat, was also charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance (a Class 4 felony) and unlawful possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle (a Class A misdemeanor) on Feb. 19. The controlled substance, in this case, was also described as “less than 15 grams of a substance containing heroin.” Deneef’s bail was set at \$10,000. The [Jersey County Circuit Clerk website](#) has more information on this case.

Amy S. Ray, 28, of Granite City, was charged with unlawful possession of “less than 15 grams of a substance containing fentanyl,” a Class 4 felony. She was also charged with unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia in the form of a “glass pipe,” and obstructing identification, both Class A misdemeanors. Ray provided a false name to police officer Jamison Metcalfe after Metcalfe had lawfully detained her on Feb. 10. Her bail was set at \$10,000 and her arraignment hearing is set for March 27. More information on this case can be found on the [Jersey County Circuit Clerk website](#).

Dennis R. Kraushaar, 48, of Jerseyville, was charged on Feb. 13 with unlawful possession of over 15 grams of methamphetamine with intent to deliver. He was charged with a Class X felony and his bail was set at \$75,000. He was released on a \$7,500 bond as of Feb. 17 and his preliminary hearing is set for April 5. Visit the [Jersey County Circuit Clerk website](#) for more information and updates on this case.

*The issuance of charges is based solely upon probable cause and is not an indication of guilt. All subjects charged with criminal offenses are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*