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# Two Guilty in Operation Who's Next

Operation Who's Next was the name of the Geneva County Drug Task Force's Operation to attempt to reduce the sale of drugs in Geneva, Alabama.

On Thursday two different juries in Geneva County returned verdicts of guilty to Distribution of Controlled Substances against Sylvester Sikes, Jr., 43, and Jeffrey Ashley Harley, 28, both of Geneva.

Both men were arrested late last year in Operation



Ashley Harley



Sylvester "Silk" Sikes

"Who's Next". The operation targeted the sale of crack cocaine especially in the City of Geneva and was handled by the Geneva County Task Force.

District Attorney Kirke Adams said the guilty verdicts were the culmination of hard work by law enforcement and he is glad that two more drug dealers are off the streets.

Assistant District Attorney Stephen Smith tried the case against

Sylvester Sikes a/k/a Silk. The jury stayed out deliberating about one and a half hours returning the verdict at noon. District Attorney Kirke Adams tried the case against Ashley Harley.

The jury stayed out for about an hour and returned a verdict at the end of the day. Both defendants remain in the Geneva County jail awaiting sentencing in about one month.

"I am extremely pleased with the decision made by each jury," said District Attorney Kirke Adams in response to the two drug convictions. "We will continue to work with the Sheriff and the Drug Task Force to see that each case is prosecuted and that each defendant is brought to justice."

Early Lamar of Samson was the first Operation Who's Next conviction earlier this year.