

Two more convicted in drug operation

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Jurors in Geneva County convicted two men Thursday who faced felony drug charges as part of Operation Who's Next, a Geneva County Sheriff's drug investigation.

Separate juries found Jeffrey Ashley Harley, 28, and Sylvester "Silk" Sikes Jr., 43, guilty of felony distribution of a controlled substance, said

the Geneva County District Attorney Kirke Adams.

They became the fourth and fifth people convicted out of 12 charged as part of the two-year ongoing investigation.

Both men will be sentenced at a later date. Harley faces 15 to 99 years to life. Sikes faces 20 to 99 years or life in prison because of their previous felony criminal history. They were convicted of selling crack cocaine to confidential

informants as part of the investigation.

"Our plans are to continue the operation, which started from the continuous complaints about the people selling drugs in their neighborhoods," Geneva County Sheriff Greg Ward said. "A lot of these sales are taking place within 100 or 150 yards of a Head Start School here in Geneva, and it's something that's been overdue."