

Man found guilty of possessing narcotic

A Cole County jury's guilty verdict could mean a seven-year prison sentence for a Jefferson City man charged with possessing hydrocodone, the Cole County Prosecuting Attorney's Office reported Thursday.

Assistant Prosecutor William Tackett said Joshua Kelsey, 25, was charged with the crime March 27.

At 10 p.m. on March 26,

Kelsey was stopped by a Jefferson City police officer who reportedly found the illegal narcotic, which is used to "come down" off a methamphetamine high, Tackett said.

A jury deliberated for about 30 minutes before returning its verdict Wednesday, Tackett said.

The charge filed against Kelsey is a class C felony, Tackett said, and carries a penalty of two to

seven years in prison.

Judge Thomas Brown ordered a pre-sentence investigation, which should be completed within 30 to 45 days.