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Oklahoma man indicted for possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine

A 28-year-old Oklahoma City man was indicted today in federal court for allegedly possessing with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine base, commonly known as crack cocaine.

Wesley Jaryan Sanders was charged with one count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. His indictment alleges that on March 27, he knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 50 or more grams of crack cocaine.

According to a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) affidavit, on March 27, detectives from the Bloomington and Richfield police departments conducted an investigation at the LaQuinta Hotel, located in Bloomington. Officers knocked on a hotel room door, identified themselves as police officers and requested permission to enter and search the room.

Sanders opened the door and gave permission for the officers to enter the room. During the search, officers recovered \$1,300 and four packages of cocaine in Sanders's suitcase. Three packages of crack cocaine weighed approximately 554.34 grams, and a package of powder cocaine weighed approximately 125.5 grams.

If convicted, Sanders faces a potential maximum penalty of life in prison. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the Bloomington Police Department, the Richfield Police Department and the DEA. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Chris Wolfe.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.