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DETROIT MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON ON FEDERAL OXYCODONE CHARGES

Defendant Admits to More Than 600 Illegal Oxycodone Pills

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Justin Foster, 23, of Detroit, Michigan, was sentenced today to 38 months in prison by United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston. Foster previously pleaded guilty in October 2010 to aiding and abetting the possession with intent to distribute a quantity of oxycodone. On July 21, 2010, officers with the West Virginia State Police executed a search warrant on a Knights Inn hotel room in Charleston and found 271 oxycodone 80 mg pills hidden inside a pillow case. Following the search, officers arrested the occupants in the room, one of whom was Foster. Police obtained \$170 in cash that was in the defendant's possession. That cash had been used by police officers in a controlled purchase of oxycodone earlier that same day from another individual present at the same hotel room.

Foster also admitted that he was responsible for other oxycodone distributions totaling at least 333 oxycodone 80 mg pills.

"This case highlights two of my office's top priorities: illegal prescription drugs and out-of-state drug dealers," said United States Attorney Booth Goodwin. "Illegal pills have become a plague in southern West Virginia. They have destroyed thousands of lives, and nearly everyone knows someone whose heart has been broken by this crisis. Out-of-state drug dealers who come to West Virginia to peddle their poison are a huge part of the problem. My office is fighting back, and we will step up our efforts even further in the coming months."

Assistant United States Attorney Monica Dillon is handling the prosecution.

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