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Laurel County Man Sentenced to 20 Years for Methamphetamine Trafficking

LONDON, Ky. — Dustin Higginbotham, 33, of London, Ky., was sentenced Tuesday to 20 years in prison, by United States District Judge Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, for possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Higginbotham pleaded guilty to the charges in July of 2017. During his guilty plea, Higginbotham admitted that he had possessed more 50 grams of actual methamphetamine that he intended to distribute. These charges were related to the execution of a search warrant at Higginbotham's residence, during which law enforcement officers recovered 564.6 grams of 100% pure methamphetamine.

Under federal law, Higginbotham must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence; and upon release, he will be under the supervision of the United States Probation Office for 10 years.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Chris Evans, Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration; John Root, Laurel County Sheriff, and Wayne Bird, Williamsburg Chief of Police, jointly made the announcement.

The DEA Task Force – London, the Laurel County Sheriff's Office, and the Williamsburg Police Department, conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Andrew Trimble represented the United States.

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