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## Lexington Man Pleads Guilty to Trafficking Crack Cocaine

**FRANKFORT, Ky.-** A Lexington, Kentucky, man admitted in federal court Wednesday that he trafficked 28 grams or more of crack cocaine.

Devaun Laquis Robertson, 27, pleaded guilty today to possession with intent to distribute cocaine base (crack cocaine) before U.S. District Court Judge Gregory VanTatenhove.

According to Robertson's plea agreement, in March 2019, Lexington Police searched his residence and found a digital scale with residue. In the plea agreement, he admitted also the officers then searched Robertson's vehicle and found 39.446 grams of crack cocaine. Robertson admitted that he knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute the crack cocaine found in his vehicle.

Robertson was indicted in August 2019.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and Chief Lawrence Weathers of the Lexington Police Department, jointly announced the guilty plea.

The investigation was conducted by Lexington Police Department. The U.S. Attorney's Office was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Cynthia T. Rieker.

Robertson is scheduled to be sentenced on March 4, 2020. He faces up to 40 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$5 million. However, any sentence will be imposed by the Court after consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal sentencing statutes.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. The PSN program was reinvigorated as part of the Department's renewed focus on targeting violent criminals, directing all U.S. Attorney's Offices to work in partnership with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and the local community to develop effective, locally-based strategies to reduce violent crime.

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