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Florence Man Pleads Guilty to Methamphetamine Trafficking

COVINGTON, Ky.- A Florence, Ky., man, Robert Picklesimer, 34, pleaded guilty on Thursday, before U.S. District Judge David Bunning, to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

According to Picklesimer's plea agreement, on September 17, 2020, law enforcement responded to a report of a possible overdose in a hotel room in Florence. Picklesimer was the sole occupant of the hotel room, and officers located over 18 grams of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and a handgun in the room. Picklesimer admitted that he owned the methamphetamine and indicated that he had been distributing it to make money.

Picklesimer was indicted in November 2020.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; J. Todd Scott, Special Agent in Charge, DEA, Louisville Field Division; and Chief Tom Grau, Florence Police Department, jointly announced the guilty plea.

The investigation was conducted by the DEA and Florence Police Department. The United States was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tony Bracke.

Picklesimer is scheduled to be sentenced on May 20, 2021. He faces a minimum of five years and a maximum of 40 years in federal prison. However, any sentence will be imposed by the Court, after its consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal sentencing statutes.

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