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Kenton County Man Sentenced to 180 Months for Armed Marijuana Trafficking

COVINGTON, Ky.- An Erlanger, Ky., man, Brent Crawford, 39, was sentenced to 180 months in prison on Wednesday, by U.S. District Judge David Bunning, after pleading guilty to conspiracy to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking.

According to Crawford's guilty plea, from February 1, 2020 to January 20, 2021, he conspired with others to distribute 100 kilograms of marijuana. Law enforcement located over 42 kilograms of marijuana in Crawford's residence, along with more than \$33,000, assorted items of jewelry, and a loaded assault rifle. Crawford admitted that he possessed the rifle to protect the marijuana and the proceeds from his drug trafficking.

Crawford pleaded guilty in February 2022.

Under federal law, Crawford is required to serve 85 percent of his prison sentence. After his release, he will be under supervised release for eight years.

Carlton S. Shier, IV, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge, FBI, Louisville Field Office; and Director Christopher Connors, Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force, jointly announced the sentencing.

FBI and the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force conducted the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Bracke represented the United States.

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