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INMATE AT FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER OAKDALE, LOUISIANA SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT

Defendant Possessed 20 Grams of Substance Containing Heroin

LAKE CHARLES, LA . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **PATRICK HORN**, age 35, an inmate at the Federal Detention Center in Oakdale, Louisiana, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Patricia Minaldi to spend an additional 30 months in prison for possession of drugs.

HORN was charged by a federal grand jury on November 13, 2008, in an indictment charging him with possession of prohibited object (20 grams of heroin) by an inmate in a federal correctional facility. HORN pled guilty to this charge on April 27, 2009.

On the date of the offense, PATRICK HORN was housed at the Federal Detention Center (FDC) in Oakdale, Louisiana after previously being transferred from the United States Penitentiary (USP) at Pollock, Louisiana due to overcrowding. Bureau of Prisons security officers at FDC-Oakdale searched HORN's cell and found approximately 20 grams of a tar-like substance, commonly referred to as "Black Tar heroin," hidden inside of a box that had contained foot cream. HORN admitted that he brought the heroin into FDC-Oakdale when he transferred from USP-Pollock. A chemical analysis performed by the Drug Enforcement Administration's Regional Laboratory in Dallas, Texas confirmed that the substance contained heroin.

HORN is currently confined at the Calcasieu Correctional Center in the custody of the United States Marshal's Service. HORN is serving a life sentence in the Bureau of Prisons on federal charges for bank robbery, carjacking and possession of a firearm during a crime of violence. HORN has also been sentenced to four life sentences in Tyler, Texas on State aggravated robbery charges. The sentence imposed today will run consecutive with HORN's other sentences.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph T. Mickel.

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