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Lexington Man Sentenced to 37 Months Imprisonment for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon

LEXINGTON, Ky., — Delvagio Christopher Lax, 33, of Lexington, KY, was sentenced today to 37 months years in prison by United States Senior District Court Judge Joseph M. Hood for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Judge Hood also ordered Lax to pay a fine of \$5,000.

Lax previously admitted that on October 6, 2017, while living on Mt. McKinley Way in Lexington, he possessed a .45 caliber Taurus pistol while in a conflict with neighbors. Lax admitted that prior to the incident offense he had been convicted of the felony offenses of Possession of Cocaine on two occasion and Facilitation to Commit Manslaughter First Degree in 2012 in Fayette County. Lax pleaded guilty to the charges in January of this year.

Under federal law, Lax must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence, and, upon release, will be under the supervision of the United States Probation Office for 3 years.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr. United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Amy Hess, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Richard Sanders, Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police and Chief Lawrence Weathers, Lexington police Department, jointly made the announcement today after the sentencing.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Kentucky State Police and The Lexington Police Department as part of a Safe Streets Task Force to reduce violent crimes in the city of Lexington conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Roger W. West represented the United States.

This case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program that has been historically successful in bringing together all levels of law enforcement to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has made turning the tide of rising violent crime in America a top priority.

In October 2017, as part of a series of actions to address this crime trend, Attorney General Sessions announced the reinvigoration of PSN and directed all U.S. Attorney's Offices to develop a district crime reduction strategy that incorporates the lessons learned since PSN launched in 2001.

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