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Offenders Sentenced for Drug Trafficking and Firearms Offenses in Pikeville

PIKEVILLE, Ky. – Yesterday, in proceedings at the U.S. District Court in Pikeville, Chief Judge Karen K. Caldwell sentenced the following defendants for drug trafficking and firearms convictions, in three separate cases.

Jeffrey Isaac, 61, of Melvin, Ky., was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment, and 3 years of supervised release, after he was convicted by a jury of conspiring to distribute oxycodone pills and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. The proof at trial established that Isaac was a leader of the drug trafficking conspiracy.

Leroy Little, 67, of Pike County, Ky., was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, and 3 years of supervised release, after pleading guilty to conspiring to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine.

Brandy Watts, 35, of Fisty, Ky., was sentenced to just over 3 years' imprisonment, and 3 years of supervised release, after she pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. Watts and her boyfriend, Justin Slone, were found in possession of several schedule II controlled substances and multiple firearms. Slone was previously convicted and sentenced.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Darrell Christopher Evans, Special Agent in Charge, DEA Louisville; and Lawrence Weathers, Chief of Police, Lexington-Fayette County Division of Police, jointly announced the sentences.

The cases are 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. Attorney General Jeff Sessions reinvigorated PSN in 2017 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, local strategies to reduce violent crime.

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