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Former Tennessee Constable Sentenced to 10 Years for Illegally Distributing Opioids in Kentucky

PIKEVILLE, Ky. — Bobby Roy Justice, 67, of Dandridge, Tennessee, and formerly of Pikeville, was sentenced yesterday to 10 years in federal prison, by Chief United States District Judge Karen K. Caldwell, for conspiring to distribute oxycodone pills. Justice was also ordered to pay a \$60,000 fine.

A federal investigation into Justice revealed that, over a five-year period, Justice imported over 90,000 oxycodone pills, from suppliers in Florida, to the Pike County area for distribution. During one of the trips, the Kentucky State Police found Justice in possession of hundreds of pills and a firearm. Justice also used others to distribute pills on his behalf. Justice pled guilty to the charges against him in May of 2018.

Prior to his indictment, Justice was serving as a constable in Dandridge, Tennessee. He has since resigned that post.

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

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Chris Evans, Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration; Amy Hess, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI; Richard Sanders, Kentucky State Police Commissioner, Derrick House, Chief of the London Police Department; and Carson Williams, Chief of the Dandridge Police Department jointly made the announcement. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Andrew H. Trimble.

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