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Cincinnati Man Sentenced to 18 Years for Distributing Cocaine in Boone County, Kentucky

COVINGTON, Ky. — Richard Crawford, Jr., 54, of Cincinnati, was sentenced Tuesday, to 18 years in federal prison for Distribution and Possession of Cocaine in Boone County, Kentucky. Crawford was sentenced by United States District Judge David Bunning.

Crawford was convicted in August 2018, following a three-day jury trial. According to evidence at trial, Crawford sold an ounce of cocaine to a confidential informant working with law enforcement, on June 27, 2017 in Florence, Kentucky. Two days later, law enforcement executed a search warrant on Crawford's apartment in Florence, Kentucky, finding more than 400 grams of cocaine and crack cocaine, evidence of drug paraphernalia, and cash used by the confidential informant to purchase cocaine. Crawford has an extensive criminal history, including three prior convictions for trafficking in cocaine. Based on these prior convictions, Crawford qualified as a "career offender" under the United States Sentencing Guidelines, subjecting him to an increased sentence.

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

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and Timothy J. Plancon, Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), jointly made the announcement.

The investigation was conducted by the DEA and the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorneys Wade T. Napier, Jennifer K. Weinhold, and Tony Bracke.

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