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Texas Men Sentenced for Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine

LONDON, Ky. – Christopher Lee Serrano, 45, of Austin, Texas and Pedro Vasquez Cavazos, 63, of Mercedes, Texas, were sentenced to federal prison Thursday, by United States District Judge Robert E. Wier, for conspiracy to distribute nearly five kilograms of cocaine. Serrano was sentenced to 262 months and Cavazos was sentenced to 120 months.

In February 2018, the Federal Bureau of Investigation seized 4.95 kilograms of cocaine, which Serrano and Cavazos transported from Austin, Texas to London, Kentucky. Serrano and Cavazos had hidden the cocaine in a speaker box under the passenger seat of Serrano's Chevy truck. Prior to their arrest, the pair assured the buyer they could fulfill bi-weekly deliveries for similar amounts. In November 2018, Serrano and Cavazos entered pleas of guilty, admitting that they orchestrated the delivery of the cocaine to Laurel County, Kentucky for distribution.

Both men had prior federal felony drug trafficking convictions, from the Western District of Texas. Under federal law, Serrano and Cavazos must serve 85 percent of their prison sentences; and upon their release, they will be under the supervision of the United States Probation Office for eight years.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; James Robert Brown, Jr., Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Richard Sanders, Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police; and Darrel Kilburn, Chief of the London Police Department, jointly made the announcement.

The FBI, London Police Department, and Kentucky State Police conducted the investigation. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Jenna E. Reed.

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