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Magoffin County Man Convicted of Oxycodone Trafficking Conspiracy

PIKEVILLE, Ky. — Danny Porter, of Salyersville, Kentucky, was convicted by a federal jury this week, for conspiring with two Indiana women to traffic oxycodone pills in Magoffin County. The jury also convicted Porter of possessing oxycodone pills with the intent to distribute them. Porter was acquitted of a firearm offense.

The proof at trial established that, for two years, Porter had been making monthly trips to Indiana to obtain hundreds of oxycodone pills, which he brought back to sell in Magoffin County. The investigation culminated in a search of Porter's residence, where oxycodone pills, twenty firearms, and over \$40,000 in cash were seized.

Katherine Redlark and Tonya Owens, both of Indiana, were subsequently stopped in Magoffin County and found to be in possession of over two hundred oxycodone pills that they were preparing to sell to Porter. Both Redlark and Owens have previously pled guilty to conspiring with Porter to distribute oxycodone.

Porter faces up to twenty years in prison.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; James Robert Brown, Jr., Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge for the Louisville Field Division; Richard Sanders, Kentucky State Police Commissioner; Carson Montgomery, Magoffin County Sheriff; and Christopher Edmonds, Chief of the Pikeville Police Department, jointly made the announcement. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Andrew H. Trimble.

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