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## Floyd County Man Sentenced to 180 Months for Armed Drug Trafficking

**PIKEVILLE, Ky.** — On Monday, James William Miller was sentenced to 180 months in federal prison, by United States District Judge Robert E. Wier, for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking, and felon in possession of a firearm.

The investigation revealed that Miller was trafficking in methamphetamine for approximately two years in and around Floyd County. A search of Miller's residence in August of 2018, revealed eight firearms, including a semi-automatic AR-15, digital scales, distribution baggies, and a distribution quantity of methamphetamine. Miller had a prior conviction for Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, from December of 2014 in Floyd County Circuit Court. As a result of that conviction Miller was prohibited from possessing firearms.

Under federal law, Miller must serve 85 percent of his prison sentences. Upon his release, he will be under the supervision of the United States Probation Office for an additional four years.

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 and John Hunt, Floyd County Sheriff, jointly made the announcement. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Jenna E. Reed.

This case is 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. The PSN program was reinvigorated 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, locally-based strategies to reduce violent crime.

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