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Richmond Man Sentenced to 130 Months for Armed Drug Trafficking

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Edward J. Anderson, IV, 32, of Richmond, was sentenced Thursday to 130 months in federal prison, by United States District Judge Karen K. Caldwell, for possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and methamphetamine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking.

In September 2018, officers with the Madison County HIDTA Task Force, arrested Anderson outside his home in Madison County. During a search officers located approximately 8 ounces of fentanyl, approximately 24 ounces of methamphetamine, and a stolen 9mm handgun. During his plea, Anderson admitted the firearm possessed in furtherance of drug trafficking.

Under federal law, Anderson 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 three years.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky and Tommy Estevan, Special Agent in Charge of the ATF Louisville Field Division, jointly made the announcement.

The ATF, Madison County HIDTA task force, and the Richmond Police Department conducted the investigation. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Cynthia T. Rieker.

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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