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Bell County Man Sentenced for Methamphetamine Trafficking

LONDON, Ky.- Charles R. Hubbard, 56, of Pineville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 94 months in federal prison Monday, for conspiring with others to distribute an aggravated amount of methamphetamine in Harlan County and Bell County, by U.S. District Judge Robert E. Wier.

According to Hubbard's plea agreement, he participated in a methamphetamine distribution conspiracy from January 2018 through January 1, 2019. Hubbard's plea agreement further states that he worked with Crystal Leach and others to procure methamphetamine in or around Tennessee for distribution throughout both Harlan County and Bell County. On January 24, 2018, Hubbard possessed over 50 grams of methamphetamine in Harlan County. On August 24, 2018, Hubbard possessed approximately 26 grams of methamphetamine in Bell County. As part of his plea, Hubbard forfeited \$930.00 in drug proceeds.

Hubbard pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of a methamphetamine mixture on June 6.

Under federal law, Hubbard must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence. Hubbard will be under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for four years following his prison sentence.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, James Robert Brown, Special Agent in Charge, FBI Louisville Field Division, and Commissioner Richard W. Sanders, Kentucky State Police, jointly announced the sentence.

The investigation was conducted by the FBI London Office, KSP, Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (AHIDTA) Appalachian Narcotics Task Force, the Harlan County Sheriff's Office, the Bell County Sheriff's Office, and the Pineville Police Department. The U.S. Attorney's Office was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jenna E. Reed.

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