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Man Caught with Two Kilograms of Methamphetamine and a Loaded Gun in Bell County Pleads Guilty to Federal Charges

LAUREL, Ky. - Dylan Brewer, 23, of Harlan County, pleaded guilty Monday to possession with the intent to distribute over 500 grams of methamphetamine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking crime, before U.S. Magistrate Judge Edward B. Atkins.

According to the plea agreement, law enforcement stopped Brewer's vehicle in Bell County, Kentucky, on July 13, and found two kilograms of methamphetamine and a loaded firearm hidden in a speaker box in the back seat. During the investigation, law enforcement learned that Brewer had been obtaining methamphetamine in Georgia and traveling to Harlan County to distribute it.

"Reducing the availability of dangerous drugs and protecting the public are two of our most important priorities," said Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky. "Prosecuting armed methamphetamine traffickers, like the defendant, satisfies both. This prosecution, and others like it, reinforce a simple message: dealing meth with a gun will likely result in a long stay in a federal prison."

U.S. Attorney Duncan; Dan Dodds, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the DEA Louisville Field Division; Richard Sanders, Commissioner of Kentucky State Police; Kyle Dunn, Pineville Police Chief; Mitch Williams, Bell County Sheriff; and Mike Smith, Knox County Sheriff, jointly announced the guilty plea. The United States was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew H. Trimble.

Brewer's sentencing hearing has not yet been set. He faces a minimum of 15 years in prison, with a maximum of life, and a maximum fine of \$20 million. However, any sentence will be imposed by the Court after its consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal sentencing statutes.

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