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Lexington Man Pleads Guilty to Firearm and Drug Charges

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Tevye T. Jones, 21, of Lexington, pleaded guilty Thursday to illegal possession of a firearm and cocaine, before U.S. District Judge Karen K. Caldwell.

Jones admitted to possessing a Glock .357 caliber pistol, during a traffic stop. According to his plea agreement, Jones also admitted that during the stop officers found a small bag of cocaine.

Jones was indicted on the charges in May 2019. In 2017, Jones was previously convicted of the felony Robbery Second Degree, in the Fayette Circuit Court.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Tommy Estevan, Acting Special Agent in Charge for ATF; and Lawrence Weathers, Chief of the Lexington Police Department, jointly announced the guilty plea.

The investigation was conducted by the ATF and Lexington Police Department. The United States was represented by Cynthia T. Rieker.

Jones is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 18, 2020. He faces up to 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000. However, any sentence will be imposed by the Court after its consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal sentencing statutes.

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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