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Atlanta Man Sentenced to 270 Months for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine

LONDON, Ky. – An Atlanta man, Tramone Brandon Horne, 36, was sentenced to 270 months in federal prison on Friday, by U.S. District Judge Robert E. Wier, after previously admitting to engaging in a conspiracy to distribute aggravated amounts of methamphetamine throughout Whitley, Laurel, and Knox Counties.

In his guilty plea agreement, Horne admitted to traveling from Georgia into Whitley County to deliver methamphetamine in pound quantities. The Court found that Horne occupied a management role in the conspiracy, and employed violence and firearms. Horne has several prior felony convictions, including convictions for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, robbery, burglary, terroristic threats, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Horne had been released from a prior period of state incarceration less than four months before he joined the methamphetamine trafficking conspiracy.

Horne pled guilty in August of 2020. Under federal law, Horne must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence and will be under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for five years, after his release from prison.

Carlton S. Shier, IV, Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Shawn S. Morrow, Special Agent in Charge, ATF, Louisville Field Division; and Rusty Hedrick, Chief of the Corbin Police Department, jointly announced the sentence.

The investigation was conducted by ATF and the Corbin Police Department. The United States was represented in the case by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jenna E. Reed.

This case was prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's "[Project Safe Neighborhoods](#)" Program (PSN), which is a nationwide, crime reduction strategy aimed at decreasing violent crime in communities. It involves a comprehensive approach to public safety — one that includes investigating and prosecuting crimes, along with prevention and reentry efforts. In the Eastern District of Kentucky, Acting U.S. Attorney Shier coordinates PSN efforts in cooperation with various federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.

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