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Boone County Man Sentenced to 126 Months for Armed Methamphetamine Trafficking

COVINGTON, Ky.— Larry Ray Clemons, 40, of Burlington, Ky., was sentenced to 126 months in federal prison on Thursday, by U.S. District Judge David Bunning, after pleading guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking.

According to Clemons' guilty plea agreement, on August 31, 2020, law enforcement executed a search warrant at his address and found 13.74 grams of methamphetamine and cash in his pants pockets. Law enforcement also found an additional 46.74 grams of methamphetamine, a loaded 9mm handgun, additional cash, and a digital scale in the residence. Clemons admitted that he intended to distribute the methamphetamine and that he possessed the firearm for protection in his drug trafficking.

Clemons was previously convicted of illegal possession of a controlled substance, in 2018. Clemons pleaded guilty to the federal charges in March.

Under federal law, Clemons must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence. Upon his release from prison, he will be under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for four years.

Carlton S. Shier, IV, Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; J. Todd Scott, Special Agent in Charge, DEA, Louisville Field Office; and Sheriff Michael Helmig, Boone County Sheriff's Office, announced the sentence.

The investigation was conducted by the DEA and the Boone County Sheriff's Office. The United States was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Amanda Harris.