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CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND FIREARM RELATED OFFENSES

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA – Daniel LeBron, 47, of Cross City, Florida, was sentenced on October 26, 2020, to a total of 21 and a half years in federal prison after pleading guilty to possession with intent to distribute more than 50 grams methamphetamine, possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking, and possession of firearms and ammunition by a convicted felon. Lawrence Keefe, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida, announced the sentence.

“The sale and use of methamphetamines in our communities has devastating and wide-reaching effects and must be stopped,” said U.S. Attorney Keefe. “With the help of our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, we will continue to pursue, prosecute, and punish those who bring these drugs into hometowns across Northern Florida.”

Agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) have been working with deputies from the Dixie County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) to investigate and prosecute individuals who are distributing large amounts of methamphetamine in the Dixie County area. On April 24, 2019, deputies from DCSO conducted a traffic stop on LeBron and arrested him after a search led to the discovery of two ounces of methamphetamine, pills, and more than \$10,000 cash. The deputies also recovered the key to a safe from around LeBron's neck. When DEA agents executed a federal search warrant at his residence, they used the key to open a safe found in his bedroom. Inside the safe, agents located an additional 7 ounces of methamphetamine, more pills, and drug paraphernalia. Agents also discovered two firearms in LeBron's bedroom; an AR-15 and a loaded .22 caliber rifle. LeBron admitted that he had been dealing methamphetamine.

“Our law enforcement partnerships play such a vital role in fighting violent crime and protecting the public,” said ATF Special Agent in Charge Daryl McCrary. “This sentencing is another example that working jointly with our partners is making our communities safer.”

Further investigation by the DEA revealed that LeBron was involved with several others in an ongoing conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the Dixie County area. Agents determined that over the course of the conspiracy, LeBron had trafficked over 7 kilograms of methamphetamine to individuals in Dixie County.

“LeBron is a dangerous methamphetamine trafficker who is now off the streets of Dixie County,” said DEA’s Miami Field Division Special Agent in Charge Keith Weis.

LeBron will serve 16 and a half years on the methamphetamine charge followed by 5 years on the firearm in furtherance charge. The Court also ordered 10 years of supervised release following LeBron’s prison term. LeBron is now a five-time convicted felon with prior convictions for 2nd Degree Murder and Escape.

This sentencing resulted from the collaborative work of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Dixie County Sheriff’s Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Chris Elsey.

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