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JEREMY EDWARD LISLE SENTENCED TO 116 MONTHS IN PRISON IN DRUG CASE

HILLSBORO, Ore.- On August 18, 2020, Washington County Judge Ricardo Menchaca found Jeremy Edward Lisle guilty of unlawful delivery of heroin, unlawful possession of heroin, unlawful delivery of MDMA, unlawful possession of MDMA and felon in possession of a firearm in a bench trial. On August 20, 2020, Judge Menchaca sentenced the defendant to 116 months in prison. Deputy District Attorney Andrew Freeman prosecuted the case against Mr. Lisle.

The defendant is a convicted felon and known drug dealer with three prior convictions for delivery of controlled substances. In late March of 2020, the <u>Westside Interagency Narcotics Team</u> (WIN) confirmed Mr. Lisle was actively re-engaged in the drug trade in the Portland metro area, with a pattern of short stays in hotels and other temporary residences. Days later, WIN investigators learned the defendant had relocated his drug dealing operation to a hotel near Tigard, Oregon.

WIN investigators surveilled the defendant to establish probable cause and stopped Mr. Lisle and two associates as they drove away from the hotel. A certified narcotics detection canine team with the Washington County Sheriff's Office alerted to the presence of drugs in the vehicle, which were then located in the possession of one of the passengers. That passenger admitted she was provided heroin in Mr. Lisle's hotel room.

Law enforcement secured a search warrant for the defendant's hotel room. The same narcotic detection team searched the room and found substantial quantities of controlled substances, including more than 100 grams of powder heroin, bindles of black tar heroin, MDMA in both powdered and pill form, more than \$2,400 in cash, various items of drug paraphernalia and a loaded handgun readily accessible in the desk drawer.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office wishes to acknowledge the work of the WIN team on this case and the professionalism of hotel staff.

Mr. Lisle will be transferred to the Oregon Department of Corrections to begin serving his sentence.