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Owensboro Man Sentenced to 12 Plus Years in Federal Prison

On Saturday, October 2, 2021, at approximately 3:37 P.M., Officers with the Owensboro Police Department initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation. During the course of the investigation, an Owensboro Police Department K-9 alerted to the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle and a subsequent search ensued. Officers recovered a loaded handgun, approximately 75 grams of suspected methamphetamine, and multiple items of drug paraphernalia. The investigation determined that the operator of the vehicle, Steven Boehman, was on supervised release for a previous federal firearm conviction at the time of the traffic stop.

Steven Boehman (38 years old of Owensboro) was arrested and charged with:

- Trafficking in Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense – (Greater than or equal to 2 Grams Methamphetamine) (Firearm Enhancement)
- Trafficking in Marijuana (Less than 8oz) 1st Offense (Firearm Enhancement)
- Possession of Handgun by Convicted Felon
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Improper Turning
- Failure to or Improper Signal
- Failure to Produce Insurance Card
- Failure to Notify Address Change to Department of Transportation

An Owensboro Police Department Detective assigned to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Task Force and federal agents with the Owensboro Field Office took over the investigation. Boehman was sentenced on

April 11, 2023, in Federal Court to 120 months for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and drug trafficking along with 33 months for violating his federal supervised release, for a total of 153 months in Federal prison.

Boehman has previously been charged with the following:

- **Possession of Handgun by Convicted Felon**
- **Trafficking in Marijuana (Less than 8oz) 1st Offense**
- **Receiving Stolen Property (Firearm)**
- **Possession of Drug Paraphernalia**
- **Parole Violation for Felony Offense**
- **Bail Jumping 1st Degree**
- **Tampering with Physical Evidence**
- **Theft from Building Under \$500**
- **Violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO (2 Counts)**
- **Theft of Parts/Contents from Vehicle \$500 (10 Counts)**
- **Theft of Firearm (2 Counts)**
- **Receiving Stolen Property Under \$500 (3 Counts)**
- **Unlawful Possession of Meth Precursor**
- **Forgery 2nd Degree**
- **Theft by Unlawful Taking – Shoplifting**
- **Giving a Police Officer a False Name**

Members of the Owensboro Police Department are committed to using every resource available including our Federal partners to ensure these individuals serve significant sentences in the Federal System. The Owensboro Police Department would like to thank our Federal partners for their continued partnership.

See attached United States Attorney’s Office Press Release:



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Western District of Kentucky

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Owensboro Man Sentenced to 12-Plus Years in Federal Prison for Illegal Firearm Possession, Drug Trafficking, and Supervised Release Violation

Owensboro, KY – An Owensboro, Kentucky man was sentenced yesterday to a total of 153 months in prison. The sentence included 120 months for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and drug trafficking and 33 months for violation of his federal supervised release.

U.S. Attorney Michael A. Bennett of the Western District of Kentucky, Acting Special Agent in Charge Robert Maynard of the ATF Louisville Field Division, and Chief Art Ealum of the Owensboro Police Department made the announcement.

According to court documents, on October 2, 2021, Steven Boehman, 38, possessed with the intent to distribute 63.771 grams of methamphetamine. Boehman, a convicted felon, also possessed a Glock .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol. He was prohibited from possessing a firearm because he had previously been convicted of the following felony offenses. On January 29, 2015, in Ohio Circuit Court, Boehman, was convicted of receiving stolen property. On January 31, 2017, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, Boehman was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

When Boehman committed the October 2, 2021, offenses, he was on supervised release for his January 31, 2017, federal firearm conviction. He received an additional 33-month sentence for violating his supervised release. Following the 153-month prison sentence, Boehman will serve 5 years on supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system.

The case was investigated by the ATF Owensboro Field Office and the Owensboro Police Department.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark J. Yurchisin II, of the U.S. Attorney's Bowling Green Branch Office, prosecuted the case.

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 gun violence, and to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. On May 26, 2021, the Department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results.

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