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Michigan man sentenced to 20 years in prison for narcotics trafficking

Detroit, MI – Steven Duane Dent, who previously plead guilty to his role in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine, was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison announced United States Attorney Barbara L. McQuade.

McQuade was joined in the announcement by Jarod Koopman, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

On April 15, 2014, United States District Judge Avern Cohn sentenced the 44 year old Dent. Once Dent completes his prison term he will be placed on supervised release for 10 years.

According to court records, Dent was charged in March 2010, with conspiring with others to distribute at least 5 kilograms of cocaine and at least 100 grams of heroin. In addition to the narcotics charges, Dent was also charged with money laundering based on his purchase of 54 money orders using the proceeds of drug sales. These purchases totaled more than \$98,000. Dent was charged with conducting these transactions in an effort to conceal and disguise the true nature of the funds and in a manner that would avoid the transaction reporting requirements under federal law.

“Drug dealers, like any other criminal are motivated by greed and their crimes have a devastating effect on the community. The role of IRS Criminal Investigation in narcotics investigations is to follow the money and strip the profits of these crimes from the drug traffickers. We will continue to work with the U.S. Attorney’s Office to provide our financial expertise in these types of investigations,” said Acting Special Agent in Charge Jarod Koopman.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Elizabeth A. Stafford and was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

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