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Career Criminal Sentenced to 10 Years in Federal Prison for Possession with Intent to Distribute Meth

Case Is Part of the Homeland Security Task Force Initiative

PORTLAND, Ore.—A Fairview, Oregon, man was sentenced to federal prison today for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Matthew Moultrie, 41, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison and 4 years' supervised release.

"Removing drugs and guns from our streets is vital to protecting Oregon's communities. When offenders repeatedly threaten public safety, we have a duty to hold them accountable," said U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford for the District of Oregon. "This sentence reflects the serious harm Mr. Moultrie has caused—and the danger he would have continued to pose—to Oregonians."

"Mr. Moultrie showed a complete disregard for the law by trafficking deadly drugs while armed, despite a prior drug conviction and repeated encounters with law enforcement," said Robert A. Saccone, Special Agent in Charge, DEA Seattle Field Division. "This sentence holds him accountable and sends a clear message that DEA and our Homeland Security Task Force partners will work tirelessly to protect our communities. Through Fentanyl Free America, we are disrupting the fentanyl supply chain, reducing the availability of synthetic opioids, and saving American lives."

According to court documents, the investigation began when Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents saw a courier from a Mexican drug trafficking organization (DTO) get in Moultrie's car for an apparent drug transaction. The agents then stopped and searched Moultrie's car and found about 220 grams of fentanyl, 65 grams of meth, and a gun.



Later, DEA agents and Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) deputies found Moultrie as he exited a motel room. Moultrie admitted to possessing a handgun and a half-pound of meth. Agents found 386 grams of meth, 5 grams of fentanyl, and two guns in his motel room.



Due to Moultrie's criminal history, he is a career offender. His criminal history includes drug trafficking and firearms offenses.

On January 7, 2026, Moultrie pled guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford for the District of Oregon made the announcement.

This case was investigated by the DEA, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police and Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lewis S. Burkhart.

This case is part of the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) initiative established by Executive Order 14159, Protecting the American People Against Invasion. The HSTF is a whole-of-government partnership dedicated to eliminating criminal cartels, foreign gangs, transnational criminal organizations, and human smuggling and trafficking rings operating in the United States and abroad. Through historic interagency collaboration, the HSTF directs the full might of United States law enforcement towards identifying, investigating, and prosecuting the full spectrum of crimes committed by these organizations, which have long fueled violence and instability within our borders. In performing this work, the HSTF places special emphasis on investigating and prosecuting those engaged in child trafficking or other crimes involving children. The HSTF further utilizes all available tools to prosecute and remove the most violent criminal aliens from the United States. HSTF Portland comprises agents and officers from FBI, HSI, DEA, USMS, IRS-CI, ATF, USPIS, CBP, TSA, U.S. Coast Guard, Oregon Air, Army National Guard Counterdrug program, and Oregon-Idaho HIDTA with prosecution being led by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon.

The Oregon-Idaho HIDTA program is an Office of National Drug Control Policy sponsored counterdrug grant program that coordinates with and provides funding resources to multi-agency drug enforcement initiatives.

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