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Palm Coast Man Indicted For Federal Firearm and Drug Violations

Jacksonville, Florida – United States Attorney Maria Chapa Lopez announces the return of an indictment charging Jerard Keaton Davis (33, Palm Coast) with possessing a firearm as a convicted felon and possessing crack cocaine with the intent to distribute it. If convicted, he faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years, and up life, in federal prison. Davis was arrested and ordered detained pending trial.

According to court documents, while executing a search warrant, law enforcement officers found Davis in possession of a .380 caliber pistol and crack cocaine. At the time, Davis had multiple prior felony drug convictions and, therefore, was prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition under federal law.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed one or more violations of federal criminal law, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Flagler County Sheriff's Office. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Mesrobian.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program that has been successful in bringing together all levels of law enforcement to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. In October 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the reinvigoration of PSN and directed all U.S. Attorneys' Offices to develop districtwide crime reduction strategies, incorporating the lessons learned since the program's inception in 2001. In the Middle District of Florida, U.S. Attorney Maria Chapa Lopez coordinates PSN efforts in cooperation with various federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.

"I am glad that the U.S. State Attorney's Office has pursued federal charges against Jerard Davis," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "This was a good collaborative effort between the Sheriff's Office and our federal partners to take a violent felon and poison peddler off the streets of Flagler County. I hope he goes away for a very long time."

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