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DETROIT MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL OXYCODONE CHARGE

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Frederick Jackson Jr., 24, of Detroit, pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court before United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston, to aiding and abetting the attempt to distribute a quantity of oxycodone, also known as “Oxycontin.” Jackson admitted that on May 19, 2010, he arranged to sell 150 Oxycontin 80 milligram pills to an undercover police officer. Jackson agreed to meet the undercover officer at the Hardee’s restaurant in South Charleston. Once at the Hardee’s location, the defendant admitted to telling the undercover officer that he had the Oxycontin pills and in return, asked to see the money. When the undercover officer provided only half of the money for the pills, the defendant admitted to ordering an associate to escort the undercover officer to his vehicle to complete the drug transaction. After the undercover officer and defendant’s associate left the restaurant, the associate was arrested. During the arrest, police found two bags in the associate’s possession that contained 210 oxycodone pills. The defendant was subsequently arrested inside the restaurant. The pills were submitted to the West Virginia State Police lab and proved to contain oxycodone.

Jackson faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine when he is sentenced on August 3, 2011.

This case was investigated by the South Charleston Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney John Frail is in charge of the prosecution.

This case was prosecuted as part of an ongoing effort led by the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of West Virginia to combat the illicit sale and misuse of prescription drugs. The U.S. Attorney’s Office, joined by various federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, remain committed to aggressively pursuing and shutting down illegal pill trafficking, eliminating open air drug markets and curtailing the spread of opiate painkillers in communities across the Southern District.

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