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Mexican National Pleads Guilty to Drug Trafficking Cocaine in Lexington

LEXINGTON, Ky.— Roberto Bernal Salas, 32, pleaded guilty Thursday to possessing and intending to distribute three kilograms of cocaine and 122 grams of crack cocaine.

In his guilty plea, Salas admitted that he possessed and intended to sell over three kilograms of cocaine and over 122 grams of crack cocaine found by law enforcement in Salas's home in Lexington. Salas also admitted that the amount of \$33,000 seized from his home represented proceeds from the sale of a kilogram of cocaine. Salas was indicted by a grand jury in July 2019.

Robert M. Duncan Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, James Robert Brown Jr., Special Agent in Charge FBI Louisville Field Division; and Chief Lawrence Weathers, Lexington Police Department, jointly made the announcement today after Salas entered his guilty plea.

The investigation was conducted by FBI and Lexington Police Department. The United States was represented in the case by Assistant United States Attorney Roger W. West.

Salas is currently scheduled to appear for sentencing before United States District Court Judge Karen K. Caldwell in Lexington on Jan. 9, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.

Salas faces a maximum prison sentence of not less than 5 years but not more than 40 years. However, any sentence following conviction would be imposed by the court after consideration of the United States Sentencing Guidelines and the federal sentencing statutes.

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