

U.S. Dept. of Justice: Wausau man sentenced to 12 years in prison for dealing methamphetamine

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MADISON, WIS. – Timothy M. O’Shea, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jacob A. Willox, 28, Wausau, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge William M. Conley to 12 years in federal prison for distributing 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and for possessing methamphetamine with intent to distribute. This prison term will be followed by 5 years of supervised release.

In May 2020, a confidential informant purchased three ounces of methamphetamine from Willox in Wausau after Willox indicated he had 12 ounces of methamphetamine for sale. Then, in October 2020, officers arrested Willox at a residence where he attempted to flush additional methamphetamine down a sink. Officers were able to recover some of that methamphetamine. They also found nearly \$30,000 in drug proceeds, a drug ledger, a firearm magazine, and brass knuckles at the residence.

Further investigation revealed Willox was responsible for selling multiple pounds of methamphetamine throughout the Wausau area, and regularly possessed firearms during his drug deals. Willox was prohibited from legally possessing firearms as the result of prior felony convictions.

At sentencing, Judge Conley noted that Willox’s crimes contributed to the bigger issue of methamphetamine addiction in the community, and that his possession of firearms while dealing posed an additional danger. Judge Conley

reasoned that a sentence of 12 years was appropriate to protect the community and offer rehabilitation to Willox, who has a history of drug addiction.

The charges against Willox were the result of an investigation conducted by the Central Wisconsin Narcotics Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Robert A. Anderson and Taylor L. Kraus prosecuted this case.