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Cocaine, Heroin Trafficker Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison

Lemarr Jennings was sentenced Tuesday, March 26, to serve 20 years in prison on three counts involving large amounts of heroin and cocaine, and stolen guns.

Jennings pled guilty to possession of cocaine, possession of heroin, and having weapons under disability on January 22. He was sentenced to 10 years for possession of cocaine, 7 years for possession of heroin, and 3 years for having weapons under disability. All sentences were ordered to run consecutively, for a total of 20 years.

The charges stem from an investigation by the Springfield Police Division Narcotics Unit. On October 12, 2012, detectives were conducting surveillance in response to numerous complaints in the area, when they observed Jennings behaving suspiciously after he noticed the detectives were present. Jennings exited a rental vehicle and entered the residence at 55 W. Parkwood Ave., carrying an object concealed in a shirt. A short time later, an unknown individual left the residence and drove away in the rental vehicle. Police attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle and briefly pursued the vehicle, but were unable to apprehend the suspect. While detectives were in the process of obtaining a search warrant for the residence, Jennings was taken into custody as he tried to escape out a side door of the neighboring unit.

Upon searching the residence, detectives located approximately 50 grams of heroin and 86 grams of crack cocaine, with a combined street value of \$14,000. Two stolen firearms were recovered, one of which was stolen in a recent break-in at a local firearms store and the other in a recent burglary. Additionally, detectives seized a sawed-off shotgun and over \$7,000 in cash. Jennings had a lengthy history of criminal convictions with multiple prior convictions for felony drug offenses, weapons offenses, and fleeing from police.

Clark County Assistant Prosecutor Andrew R. Picek represented the State of Ohio in the case. Detectives William D. Speakman and J.R. Mitchell of the Springfield Police Division were the lead investigators.