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JURY CONVICTS PORTLAND DRUG TRAFFICKER

PORTLAND, Ore.—A federal jury in Portland returned guilty verdicts today against a Portland man who was accused of distributing large quantities of methamphetamine throughout Multnomah County, Oregon.

Amadeo Lupercio-Quezada, 39, was convicted after a two-day trial of conspiring to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine; possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine, heroin and cocaine; and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

According to court documents and information entered at trial, in October 2017, a Gresham Police detective learned that Lupercio-Quezada and co-defendant Maribel Sebastian-Evangelista were distributing large amounts of methamphetamine throughout Multnomah County. Lupercio-Quezada would physically complete the sales after Sebastian-Evangelista would arrange deals by phone. Thereafter, the detective and other members of the Gresham Police Department Special Enforcement Team initiated four controlled purchases of methamphetamine from Lupercio-Quezada and Sebastian-Evangelista between October and December 2017.

All four controlled purchases took place at Lupercio-Quezada's residence on E. Burnside Street in Portland and resulted in the officers successfully purchasing ounce quantities of methamphetamine. Officers later searched the residence pursuant to a state search warrant and found distribution quantities of methamphetamine, heroin and cocaine, an ID card with Lupercio-Quezada's photo, \$14,500 in cash as well as a .380 caliber Glock model 42 semi-automatic pistol located near the drugs.

Lupercio-Quezada faces a maximum sentence of life in prison with consecutive mandatory minimum sentences of 10 and 5 years for the drug and gun charges, respectively; a \$250,000 fine and a life term of supervised release. He will be sentenced on August 21, 2019 before U.S. District Court Judge Michael W. Mosman.

This case was investigated by the Gresham Police Department Special Enforcement Team and was prosecuted by Kemp L. Strickland and Sarah Barr, Assistant U.S. Attorneys for the District of Oregon.

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