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## **HOUSTON MAN SENTENCED TO 84 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR LEADING INTERSTATE MARIJUANA TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY**

PORTLAND, Ore.—Jody Tremayne Wafer, 30, of Houston, Texas, was sentenced today to 84 months in federal prison and three years' supervised release for organizing and leading a conspiracy to traffic marijuana grown in Portland to Texas.

According to court documents, drug proceeds, in the form of bulk U.S. currency, were returned to Oregon via U.S. mail and passenger luggage on commercial airlines. As part of this investigation, federal authorities have seized approximately 11,000 marijuana plants, 546 pounds of processed marijuana, more than \$2.8 million in cash, 51 firearms, 26 vehicles, trailers, pieces of heavy equipment, a yacht, and three houses used as marijuana grow sites, all since August 2017.

On October 2, 2019, Wafer pleaded guilty to one count each of conspiring to manufacture, possess with intent to distribute, and distribute marijuana, maintaining drug-involved premises and using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

During sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge Robert E. Jones ordered Wafer to forfeit any criminally-derived proceeds and property used to facilitate his crimes.

Co-defendants Trent Lamar Knight, 31, and Brittany Lesanta Kizzee, 29, also of Houston; Paul Eugene Thomas, 39, and Raleigh Dragon Lau, 33, both of Portland; and Cole William Griffiths, 31, of Hood River, Oregon have all pleaded guilty on related charges. Knight and Kizzee will be sentenced on January 22, 2020 and February 6, 2020, respectively; Lau and Thomas will be sentenced on February 19 and 13, 2020, respectively; and Griffiths will be sentenced on March 5, 2020.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, IRS Criminal Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations and the FBI. It was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon.

This case was brought as part of the Justice Department's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDEF) program, the centerpiece of the department's strategy for

reducing the availability of drugs in the U.S. OCDETF was established in 1982 to mount a comprehensive attack on drug trafficking by disrupting and dismantling major drug trafficking and money laundering organizations. Today, OCDETF combines the resources and expertise of its member federal agencies in coordination with state and local law enforcement.

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