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## **Portland Man Sentenced to 19 Years in Federal Prison After Second Armed Career Criminal Act Conviction**

PORTLAND, Ore.—After serving more than 15 years in federal prison for his first conviction under the Armed Career Criminal Act, a Portland man is headed back to federal prison for new drug and firearm offenses committed while on post-prison supervision.

Kelly David Ankeny, Sr., 61, was sentenced to 230 months in federal prison.

According to court documents, in October 2003, after being released from state prison, Ankeny took up residence in a house occupied by his 18-year-old son and his son's roommates. At the time, Ankeny had prior convictions for second degree robbery, felon in possession of a firearm, and drug trafficking. Before long, Ankeny took over his son's house, started selling methamphetamine, and obtained several firearms.

Ankeny's ex-wife and the mother of his 18-year-old son tried to intervene and get Ankeny to leave the home. In response, Ankeny twice threatened her with a firearm. The ex-wife reported Ankeny's conduct to the Portland Police Bureau who, after obtaining a federal search warrant, entered the home on November 20, 2003. Officers found Ankeny sitting in a recliner near the front door. Ankeny had one loaded handgun tucked beside the cushion of his recliner and a second sitting on an adjacent chair. Three other firearms were found in the house, including a sawed off shotgun and rifle.

On January 13, 2004, Ankeny was indicted by a federal grand jury in Portland for being a felon in possession of a firearm and illegally possessing an unregistered sawed off shotgun. On February 15, 2005, he pleaded guilty to both charges. After serving more than 15 years in federal prison, Ankeny began his term of supervised release on August 14, 2018. Less than one year after being released from prison, Ankeny admitted to using methamphetamine.

On June 25, 2019, several U.S. Probation officers conducted a home visit to Ankeny's Gresham, Oregon residence. A safe in Ankeny's room was found to contain more than four pounds of methamphetamine, a pound of heroin, and drug packaging material. During the search, Ankeny became enraged, hit a wall and yelled at the officers. Believing there was excessive danger in arresting Ankeny on the spot, the officers ordered Ankeny to report to the U.S. Probation office later that afternoon. Ankeny failed to appear and cut off his GPS monitoring bracelet.

U.S. Probation sought the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service and Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit who, over the next two months, attempted to locate

and arrest Ankeny. On August 20, 2019, officers identified Ankeny driving a vehicle in east Multnomah County. They waited for Ankeny to enter a residence and developed a tactical plan to arrest him when he returned to this vehicle.

Later that day, Ankeny left the residence and got into his car. A deputy U.S. Marshal used his vehicle to block Ankeny's car and Ankeny was ordered out at gunpoint. After he failed to comply with the orders, officers broke Ankeny's driver side window, cut his seat belt, and removed him from the vehicle. A loaded 9mm firearm was found in a backpack, which was on Ankeny's front passenger seat. Two additional handguns, ammunition, \$16,000 in cash, and quantities of methamphetamine and cocaine were located elsewhere in the vehicle.

On September 26, 2019, a federal grand jury in Portland returned an eight-count indictment charging Ankeny with possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine; possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; and illegally possessing firearms as a convicted felon.

On December 17, 2020, Ankeny pleaded guilty to possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine and illegally possessing a firearm as a convicted felon.

Acting U.S. Attorney Scott Erik Asphaug of the District of Oregon made the announcement.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Marshals Service, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, and Oregon State Police Forensic Services Division. It was prosecuted by Thomas H. Edmonds, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon.

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