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Salem Drug Trafficker Sentenced to Federal Prison

PORTLAND, Ore.—On January 19, 2022, a Salem, Oregon man on federal supervised release was sentenced to federal prison after he was found in possession of more than 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine and 15 firearms, five of which were stolen.

Jorge Mozqueda-Alvarez, 33, was sentenced to 151 months in federal prison and five years' supervised release.

According to court documents, in September 2019, detectives from the Salem Police Department's Street Crimes Unit (SCU) began investigating Mozqueda-Alvarez for drug trafficking in the Salem area. Officers conducted two separate controlled purchases of methamphetamine from Mozqueda-Alvarez. On October 15, 2019, SCU executed a search warrant on Mozqueda-Alvarez's Salem residence and located more than 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine and 15 firearms, five of which had been reported stolen. Mozqueda-Alvarez was arrested without incident.

On October 17, 2019, Mozqueda-Alvarez was charged by federal criminal complaint with illegally possessing a firearm as a convicted felon and possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine. One week later, on October 24, 2019, a federal grand jury in Portland returned a four-count indictment charging him with distribution of methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and felon in possession of a firearm.

On December 18, 2020, Mozqueda-Alvarez pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and felon in possession of a firearm. To resolve a separate criminal case, Mozqueda-Alvarez also pleaded guilty to illegal reentry.

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

This case was investigated by the Salem Police Department with assistance from the FBI. It was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). PSN is the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts. PSN is an evidence-based program proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in the community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. As part of this strategy, PSN focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent offenders and partners with locally based prevention and reentry programs for lasting reductions in crime.

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