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Hoover Criminal Gang Member Sentenced to Federal Prison for Illegally Possessing a Firearm

PORTLAND, Ore.—A Hoover Criminal Gang member and Portland resident was sentenced to federal prison today for illegally possessing a firearm as a convicted felon.

Anthony Devion Bagsby, 31, was sentenced to 24 months in federal prison and 3 years' supervised release.

According to court documents, as part of an ongoing federal racketeering investigation of the Hoover Criminal Gang, law enforcement obtained photos online of Bagsby, a convicted felon, possessing firearms. Further investigation revealed that Bagsby frequented an apartment occupied by known Hoover Criminal Gang members on Halsey Street in northeast Portland.

On April 16, 2021, while executing a federal search warrant on the apartment, investigators arrested Bagsby and several other individuals. They found a loaded Springfield XD-40 handgun in a basket in the kitchen. Three of the rounds found in the handgun were colored blue. In the living room, investigators found several items connected to Bagsby, including prescription medication and mail. In the same area, they found an empty magazine; several dozen 9mm cartridges; four .40 caliber rounds including one blue round matching the bullets found in the loaded handgun, and a plastic bag of methamphetamine. Investigators later located text messages on Bagsby's phone wherein he bragged about obtaining a "brand new XD 40."

On July 20, 2021, a federal grand jury indicted Bagsby on two counts of illegally possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. On October 18, 2022, he pleaded guilty.

This case was investigated by the FBI with assistance from the Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Gresham Police Department, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), 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.

This prosecution is the result of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations that threaten the U.S. by using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies against criminal networks.

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