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**Southern Oregon Man Sentenced to 15 Years in Federal Prison for Illegally Possessing a Firearm and Methamphetamine**

MEDFORD, Ore.—A southern Oregon man was sentenced to more than 15 years in federal prison today after he violated the terms of his supervised release by possessing a firearm and methamphetamine.

James Charles Danis, 41, of Phoenix, Oregon, was sentenced to 188 months in federal prison and five years' supervised release.

According to court documents, on March 20, 2020, while under an active arrest warrant for violating the terms of his federal supervised release, Danis was spotted by a deputy U.S. Marshal leaving a motel in Medford. The deputy contacted detectives from the Medford Area Drug and Gang Enforcement (MADGE) team to assist with an arrest. When the deputy and the assisting officers confronted Danis, he fled in a vehicle and led officers from the Medford and Central Point police departments on a pursuit through both cities.

Despite multiple attempts to stop Danis, the pursuit ended when he crashed his vehicle through a fence into the background of a local residence, causing extensive damage. Danis continued trying to drive his blocked vehicle away from scene until officers removed him from it and placed him under arrest. A search of Danis' person, vehicle, and motel room returned more than 300 grams of methamphetamine, multiple pounds of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and packing materials, a semi-automatic pistol, and ammunition.

On April 28, 2020, Danis was charged by criminal complaint with illegally possessing a firearm as a convicted felon, possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Later, on July 23, 2020, a federal grand jury in Medford indicted Danis on the same charges.

On August 23, 2022, Danis pleaded guilty to illegally possessing a firearm as a convicted felon and possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Marshals Service and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) with assistance from MADGE and the Medford and Central Point Police Departments. It was prosecuted by Judith R. Harper, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon.

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