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GRANT COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 78 MONTHS FOR POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE & FIREARMS

MADISON, WIS. – Scott C. Blader, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Dustin Caya, 35, Mount Hope, Wisconsin, was sentenced July 19 by U.S. District Judge William Conley to 78 months in federal prison for possessing more than 50 grams of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute, and possessing a firearm as a felon. Caya was convicted of these charges after he entered a plea to them on July 19.

Officers from the Grant County Sheriff's Office found more than 350 grams of methamphetamine, along with scales, packaging material, and large sums of money in Caya's home on June 1, 2018. There were also numerous loaded firearms throughout the house, despite the fact that Caya, a convicted felon, was prohibited from possessing firearms. Caya was also under State of Wisconsin extended supervision for the prior felony conviction at the time he committed these offenses.

This case has been brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), the U.S. Justice Department's program to reduce violent crime. The PSN approach involves collaboration by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and communities to prevent and deter gun violence.

The charges against Caya were the result of an investigation conducted by the Grant County Sheriff's Office, Prairie du Chien Police Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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