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CARTERET COUNTY DRUG DEALERS SENTENCED TO PRISON

Beaufort, North Carolina – District Attorney Scott Thomas and Carteret County Sheriff Asa Buck announced that WILLIAM DAVID HAIGH, 41, of Hubert, NC, PAUL JERANDA DELGATTO, 47, of Morehead City, NC, and DEVIOR DAMATREY DUNLAP, 36, of Havelock, NC were each sentenced to prison for drug distribution offenses in Carteret County Superior Court. HAIGH pled guilty to two counts of Trafficking Cocaine and received a sentence of 70 – 102 months’ imprisonment and a \$100,000 fine. DELGATTO pled guilty to one count of Sale of Methamphetamine and one count of Possession with Intent to Sell or Distribute Methamphetamine and was ordered to serve consecutive sentences totaling a minimum of 36 months and a maximum of 62 months in prison. DUNLAP pled guilty to one count of Sale of Cocaine and one count of Sale of Methadone and was sentenced to a total of not less than 34 months up to 62 months in prison. Superior Court Judge Thomas R. Wilson sentenced HAIGH and DUNLAP; Superior Court Judge Douglas B. Sasser sentenced DELGATTO. The cases were prosecuted in court by Assistant District Attorneys Ashley N. Eatmon and David L. Spence.

HAIGH’s convictions stem from a two-county car chase that began when detectives with the Carteret County Sheriff’s office attempted to pull HAIGH over in the area of Stella, NC in Carteret County. HAIGH fled in his 2003 Honda Accord, leading officers of a 9 mile chase that ended with HAIGH being taken into custody in Onslow County with the assistance of the Onslow County Sheriff’s Office. During the chase, as he crossed the Stella bridge, HAIGH tossed drugs from his vehicle and collided with pursuing law enforcement vehicles before eventually losing control of his vehicle and crashing into a ditch near Brighttown and Riggs Roads in Onslow County. A search of HAIGH’s vehicle led to detectives recovering methamphetamine, heroin mixed with fentanyl, marijuana, prescription medication and almost \$4,200 inside the vehicle. The bag of drugs that was thrown out on the Stella bridge was also recovered and the Carteret County Sheriff’s Office submitted the bag to the North Carolina State Crime Lab for an analysis that confirmed the substance was 31.55 grams of cocaine, leading to charges of Trafficking Cocaine by Possession and Trafficking of Cocaine by Transportation. At the time of his conviction and sentence in Carteret County, HAIGH was serving a sentence for Fleeing to Elude Arrest with a Motor Vehicle and other drug charges out of Onslow County.

DELGATTO’s convictions resulted from an investigation by the Carteret County Sheriff’s Office Narcotics Unit during which an informant working under the supervision of Sheriff’s deputies



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conducted a controlled purchase of Methamphetamine from DELGATTO in the parking lot of a shopping center in Newport, NC.

DUNLAP was charged following a controlled purchase overseen by detectives from the Morehead City Police Department. DUNLAP sold cocaine and methadone to a confidential informant at his residence off Macon Court in Morehead City, NC.

NOTE: Under North Carolina Structured Sentencing law, a convicted criminal defendant must serve all the minimum active sentence and may be required to serve up to the maximum sentence. Upon release at the conclusion of the prison sentence, a nine-to-twelve-month period of post-release supervision by a probation officer is required.

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