Armed Career Criminal Gets 130 Month Prison Term

by Bend Weekly News Sources

Defendant John Henry Ross Pryor, age 58, was sentenced on May 30, 2006 in the United States District Court in Eugene, Oregon, by United States District Court Judge Michael R. Hogan for being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm under the Armed Career Criminal Act and for possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Pryor pled guilty on March 28, 2006, at which time he admitted to being a convicted felon in possession of a .22 caliber revolver and a 9 millimeter semi-automatic handgun, as well as being in possession of approximately 3/4 of a pound of methamphetamine. The defendant was sentenced to serve a 130 month term of imprisonment. Before his arrest, PRYOR resided at 2897 N.E. Waller Drive in Bend, Oregon.On October 17, 2004, officers of the Bend Police Department received a report that the defendant was wanted for federal parole violations. Officer Lewis recognized PRYOR getting out of his vehicle at a 7-11 store in Bend and approached him and requested confirmation of his identity. Upon receiving confirmation, Officer Lewis placed PRYOR under arrest. Thereafter, PRYOR consented to a search of his vehicle, during which two firearms and approximately 3/4 pound of methamphetamine were found on the front seat of Pryorâ€™s Cadillac.Because Pryor had previous convictions for the felony crimes of Burglary in the First Degree, Kidnapping and Bank Robbery on separate occasions, he was indicted under the Armed Career Criminal Act.This case resulted from an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF); the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement (CODE) Team; and the City of Bend Police Department. The investigation was assisted by the Deschutes County, Oregon, District Attorney's Office. For further information, please contact Stephen Gunnels, Special Assistant United States Attorney, at 541-771-6785.