

Brockton career criminal indicted on Fentanyl possession

A Brockton man was indicted by a federal grand jury yesterday in connection with fentanyl and cocaine possession.

Dedrick Lindsey, 37, was charged in a superseding indictment with one count of possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and cocaine. Lindsey was previously indicted on one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Lindsey was arrested on state charges on July 19, 2018, after law enforcement found a .25 caliber pistol, 18 grams of fentanyl and 10.5 grams of cocaine in his possession. Lindsey is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to previous drug convictions, which are all punishable by more than a year in prison.

The charge of possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and cocaine provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, a minimum of three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$1 million. The charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, a minimum of one year and up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. As an armed career criminal, Lindsey is subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years and up to life in prison, five years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Kelly D. Brady, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Boston Field Division; Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State

Police; and Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Elysa Wan of Lelling's Office is prosecuting the case.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. PSN is part of the Department's renewed focus on targeting violent criminals, directing all U.S. Attorney's Offices to work in partnership with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and the local community to develop effective, locally-based strategies to reduce violent crime.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.