

Department of Justice
U.S. Attorney's Office
District of Kansas

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 9, 2018

Mailman Sentenced for Delivering Marijuana

KANSAS CITY, KAN. - A former postal worker in Johnson County was sentenced Tuesday to five years on federal probation for smuggling marijuana through the mail, U.S. Attorney Tom Beall said.

Terrell Dewayne Shears, 25, Overland Park, Kan., pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana. In his plea, he admitted he gave addresses on his route to marijuana traffickers in Arizona. The traffickers mailed parcels containing marijuana to addresses on his route and Shears intercepted the packages. Shears dropped the packages off at an apartment building where he had been instructed to leave them and texted a recipient he knew only as "John" to pick them up.

Investigators seized more than 40 pounds of marijuana from his postal vehicle.

Beall commended the U.S. Postal Service and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney James Ward for their work on the case.

###