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Former Postal Carrier Sentenced to Prison

Tampa, Florida - U.S. District Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich has sentenced Richard Huntington (45, Lakeland) to 120 days in federal prison for conspiracy to distribute marijuana. Huntington was also ordered to serve a three-year term of supervised release following his imprisonment. He had pleaded guilty on January 11, 2019.

According to court documents, Huntington, a former U.S. Postal carrier, provided addresses along his delivery route to coconspirators who arranged to have packages containing marijuana shipped from Oregon to those addresses. When the packages arrived and were placed in Huntington's control, Huntington would scan the packages as delivered to the addresses, and then turn them over to his coconspirators for further distribution of the marijuana.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James C. Preston, Jr.

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