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PRESS RELEASE

Coatesville Drug Dealer Sentenced to 25 Years in Federal Prison

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced that Adam Scott IV, age 29, of 1240 Youngsburg Road, Coatesville was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison. Scott was sentenced on August 8 for selling over five kilograms of crack cocaine and possessing a firearm. Scott was convicted by a federal jury in July 2012 after a weeklong trial.

Scott was arrested in 2010 based on an investigation by the Chester County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area ("HIDTA") Strike Force. HIDTA is a multi-agency organization dedicated to investigating and prosecuting large-scale drug trafficking organizations and violent criminals associated with drug dealing. The Chester County HIDTA Strike Force is led by the Chester County Detectives, with assistance from the Coatesville Police Department, Kennett Square Police Department, Oxford Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

District Attorney Hogan stated, "We are proud that the work of the Chester County HIDTA Strike Force has taken another dangerous criminal off the streets. Every gun-toting drug dealer in Coatesville is shaking in their shoes today, wondering what it would be like to get sentenced to 25 years in prison. When local and federal law enforcement work together, the criminals do not stand a chance."

Scott was arrested in 2010 after law enforcement identified Scott as a supplier of cocaine to various drug dealers in Coatesville and West Chester. Assistant United States Attorney Maria Carrillo prosecuted the case. United States District Judge Petrese Tucker sentenced Scott. Scott had prior convictions for drug dealing and firearms offenses. The jury in Scott's July 2012 trial took only forty-five minutes to reach their guilty verdict.

The Chester County HIDTA was assisted by the Chester County Detectives, the Coatesville Police Department, the West Chester Police Department, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Chester County Municipal Drug Taskforce, and the Chester County District Attorney's Office Drug Unit.

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