

Bernard Davis, Jr. Sentenced to 30 Years in Prison from 2014 Operation Spot Remover Arrest

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Sheriff Ken Mascara announced today that Bernard Davis, Jr., 36, was sentenced in circuit court to 30 years in prison for his involvement in a 2014 multi-agency investigation known as Operation Spot Remover. Davis, Jr. was convicted on 64 different charges.

According to the Sheriff, detectives launched an investigation in mid-2013 to identify individuals selling large amounts of narcotics throughout the county, including powder and "crack" cocaine, marijuana, prescription painkillers and anti-anxiety medication such as Hydromorphone (Dilaudid), Oxycodone and Alprazolam (Xanax).

"As the investigation continued, detectives discovered a criminal organization existed and was supplying narcotics throughout the Treasure Coast and Central and South Florida," said Sheriff Ken J. Mascara. "Some of the individuals involved were also connected to local gangs and responsible for committing dozens of violent crimes."

According to the Sheriff, as the investigation evolved, so did a wide net of partnering agencies that included the 19th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office, the Fort Pierce Police Department, the DEA, FBI, and ATF.

"This focused group of investigators developed cases against more than 90 people for crimes including possession, sale and delivery of illegal narcotics, trafficking in Heroin, Oxycodone and Hydromorphone and conspiracy to traffic in Hydromorphone, Oxycodone, MDMA (Ecstasy) and cocaine," Mascara said. "Bernard Davis, Jr. was one of these individuals, and today he received the sentence needed to rid him from our community."

According to the Sheriff, interviews with witnesses and cooperating sources and defendants revealed that this criminal organization was responsible for selling more than 1,800 Oxycodone, Hydromorphone and Alprazolam pills on a weekly basis with a street value of more than \$200,000.

"With today's sentencing of Bernard Davis, Jr., I think our message is clear, St. Lucie County is no place for drug dealers," Mascara said. "We will not only search out drug dealing, hometown terrorists and arrest them, but we will see them through the court process to ensure they receive the maximum sentencing possible in order to rid them from our community."

ABOUT THE SHERIFF:

The Florida Constitution establishes the Office of the elected County Sheriff who is responsible for preserving the peace, carrying out the orders of Florida courts and the Board of County Commissioners, and providing deputies at court sessions and meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief correctional officer of the county. Sheriff Ken J. Mascara is elected by the people of St. Lucie County and is accountable to them.