

## Wilmington Heroin Dealer Gets 10 Years In Federal Prison

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Jarrin Anthony Clarida, age 27, of Wilmington was sentenced today to 120 months in prison for three counts of distribution of a quantity of heroin and one count of possession with the intent to distribute a quantity of heroin.

On December 18, 2019 Clarida pled guilty to these charges. All the counts arose out of acts that occurred in the City of Wilmington.

According to court documents, in January 2019, investigators with the Wilmington Police Department (WPD) launched an investigation into Clarida's drug distribution activities. Using a Confidential Informant, law enforcement conducted three controlled purchases of heroin from Clarida on January 8, 10, & 15, 2019.

Following the controlled purchases, members of the WPD Gang Unit executed a search warrant at Clarida's residence. A search of the residence uncovered heroin packaged in 220 bindles, marijuana, 3 dosage units of MDMA, miscellaneous ammunition, gang related documents, a 9mm magazine, an unloaded EKOL Volga 9mm starter gun and \$5,601.00. Clarida was taken into custody and provided a statement to law enforcement officials admitting that the heroin and a large portion of the currency found in the residence were his.

Per court documents, Clarida is a validated gang member and has prior state convictions that include, but are not limited to, selling a Schedule I controlled substance, interference with an electronic monitoring device, and possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana.

G. Norman Acker, III, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina made the announcement after sentencing by U.S. District Judge Louise W. Flanagan. The Wilmington Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigated the case and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Murphy Averitt prosecuted the case.

This case is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) operation and the *Take Back North Carolina Initiative* of The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina. This initiative emphasizes the regional assignment of federal prosecutors to work with law enforcement and District Attorney's Offices on a sustained basis in

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those communities to reduce the violent crime rate, drug trafficking, and crimes against law enforcement.