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PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced that today, Circuit Judge John T. Brown sentenced Tori Scott to a 25-year mandatory minimum prison sentence following a jury's verdict on August 28, 2013, finding Scott guilty of Trafficking in Cocaine 200g-400g, Trafficking in Hydrocodone 28g-30kg, and Possession of Marijuana.

The convictions arose from the controlled delivery of a package mailed from California to a Fort Walton Beach apartment that the U.S. Postal Inspection Service believed contained narcotics. When an undercover Postal Inspector went to deliver the package on July 25, 2012, Tori Scott came from the apartment next door to accept the package, claiming her neighbor was out of town and had asked her to accept it. Scott signed a false name when accepting the package, and when confronted by investigators, claimed she thought it was an iPhone. Analysis by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement revealed that the package contained 248.1 grams of cocaine, 54.9 grams of Hydrocodone, and less than 20 grams of Marijuana.

Several items of drug paraphernalia with cocaine residue were subsequently located inside the apartment that law enforcement officers observed Ms. Scott exiting prior to accepting the package.

The investigation was conducted by the Okaloosa County Multi-Agency Drug Task Force and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Circuit Judge John T. Brown presided over the trial and imposed Scott's sentence. Assistant State Attorney Clifton Drake prosecuted the case.