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PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that Timothy Scott Young was convicted by an Okaloosa County Jury on the charges of Trafficking in Morphine (4 grams or more), Possession of Cocaine, and Possession of Cannabis (less than 20 grams).

The charges arose from September 16, 2014, when Okaloosa County deputies went to serve a warrant on the Defendant. Law enforcement noted the smell of burnt marijuana while at the door of the Defendant's residence, and they continued to smell it from inside once the Defendant answered the door. Testimony at trial established that the Defendant was allowed to go back into the home with law enforcement to retrieve clothing before being transported to the jail. While inside, the deputies noted a continued strong odor of marijuana.

Due to the strong odor of marijuana, law enforcement initiated a narcotics investigation and conducted a security sweep of the residence. The deputies discovered an unmarked pill bottle containing several types of pills on top of the dresser in a bedroom that the Defendant identified as his, and a small bag of cocaine was located on top of a nightstand near the dresser. The deputies also collected two marijuana cigarettes from just outside the door of the residence, which the Defendant admitted he had smoked in his bedroom prior to law enforcement arriving.

Young has five prior felony convictions, and he was released from state prison in March of 2014.

Following the jury's verdict, the Defendant was sentenced to fifteen years in state prison. The first three years must be served without the possibility of gain time, which is required under Florida law for drug trafficking offenses. Florida law also requires a \$50,000 fine for drug trafficking, which was imposed as part of Young's sentence. Circuit Judge Ross Goodman presided over the trial and sentencing. The investigation was conducted by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, and Assistant State Attorney Clifton Drake was responsible for the prosecution. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Drake at (850) 651-7260.