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Repeat Drug Trafficker Sentenced to Prison

(Woodland, CA) - (July 20, 2021) – West Sacramento resident Jayson Garcia was sentenced last week to 12 years, 8 months, local prison stemming from six separate drug trafficking arrests spanning a one-year period, and all committed while on mandatory supervision. Mandatory supervision is a portion of a local prison sentence, determined by the court to be served in the community under the supervisions of the probation department.

In May of 2019, Garcia, 43, was originally sentenced to four years in local prison after pleading no contest to possession with intent to sell methamphetamine and admitted an enhancement for having suffered a prior prison term. Garcia was ordered to serve half his term in custody and the remainder on Mandatory Supervision.

After being released from custody, Garcia was arrested on February 24, 2020, by the West Sacramento Police Department and ultimately charged with evading a peace officer, possession for sale of methamphetamine and heroin; transportation for sale of methamphetamine and heroin, destruction of evidence, and driving on a suspended license. He was also charged with a violation of Mandatory Supervision.

Garcia was released on his own recognizance on March 12, 2020, on the drug trafficking case but remained in custody on the Mandatory Supervision violation. On March 16, 2020, Garcia was released from custody by the court in his Mandatory Supervision case.

On July 30, 2020, Garcia was arrested by the West Sacramento Police Department and charged with possession for sale of methamphetamine, driving on a suspended license and traffic violations. After being booked in the jail, Garcia was released on \$0 bail as a result of the Court's Emergency Bail Schedule. Three days later, on August 3, 2020, Garcia was arrested again by the West Sacramento Police Department and ultimately charged with possession for sale of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of methamphetamine. Garcia was released on \$0 bail.

Garcia was back in court on November 4, 2020, and was allowed to remain out of custody on supervised release. On January 6, 2021, Garcia was arrested yet again and charged with

transportation for sale of heroin and methamphetamine, and possession for sale of heroin and methamphetamine. He was again released on \$0 bail and arrested two days later, on January 8, 2021, released again on \$0 bail and ultimately charged with possession for sale of methamphetamine. Garcia was arrested on February 12, 2021, by the West Sacramento Police Department who obtained a bail enhancement prohibiting his release on \$0 bail. He was ultimately charged with possession for sale of methamphetamine, transportation for sale of methamphetamine, possession for sale of heroin, transportation for sale of heroin.

On March 12, 2021, Garcia entered no contest pleas to transportation and destruction of evidence. Garcia also admitted an enhancement that the offenses were committed while out on bail or own recognizance as well as violation of his mandatory supervision.

On July 14, 2021, Garcia was sentenced to a term of 12 years, 8 months in local prison by the Honorable David Reed. Over objection by the prosecutor, the court imposed a term of 3 years, 6 months in custody with remaining time to be spent on Mandatory Supervision. Inmates are legally entitled to earn up to 50% credits so Garcia's actual jail time will be reduced by half. Consistent with recently enacted policy, (link below) all convicted drug traffickers are advised that illicit drugs can be laced with fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid that often results in death, and that any future drug trafficking where the substances contain fentanyl which results in someone's death, could give rise to murder charges. <https://yoloda.org/yolo-county-da-to-issue-warning-of-homicide-charges-for-narcotics-traffickers-causing-fentanyl-related-deaths/>

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