

Fostoria man found guilty on drug charges

A Fostoria man was sentenced to 11 years in prison Friday on multiple drug charges. Chester Pettaway Jr., 37, formerly of Toledo, was found guilty Friday of multiple counts of trafficking heroin and trafficking crack cocaine following a three-day trial in Wood County Court of Common Pleas.

A jury found Pettaway guilty of all six counts he was indicted on and Judge Reeve Kelsey sentenced him to four years on counts 1-4 and 11 years on counts five and six.

The sentences are to be served concurrent of one another for a combined term of 11 years in prison.

Pettaway's conviction came as a result of an investigation which began exactly one year ago by the Seneca County Drug Task Force — METRICH Enforcement Unit.

On June 16, 2016, Pettaway and Cedric Yarbrough were arrested by METRICH agents, along with officers from Fostoria Police Division, during the execution of a drug-related search warrant at Pettaway's residence, 1521 N. Countyline St. Lot 148 in Fostoria.

The raid resulted in the seizure of U.S. currency, heroin, crack cocaine and marijuana.

“Mr. Pettaway has plagued our community for quite some time with his illegal drug activity,” said Fostoria Police Chief Keith Lorenzo. “In some instances it becomes clear that incarceration is the only alternative for some habitual drug traffickers. Today, Mr. Pettaway was served justice and I couldn't be more pleased with the outcome of his sentence.”

Originally published in The Courier on June 17, 2017.