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A Cincinnati woman will serve five years in prison for her participation in a steroid distribution ring in Warren County.

Jessica Howard, 27, was sentenced on two felony counts of trafficking in drugs and engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity. Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge James Flannery imposed five years on each count, to run concurrently with each other. Howard's driver's license was also suspended for three years.

A jury found Howard guilty of the charges after a two-day jury trial in March. Howard assisted in distributing large amounts of anabolic steroids to undercover agents as well as many other individuals, from June 2010 through July 2011. Of the 24 individuals involved, seven co-Defendants await trial on related charges.

Assistant Prosecutor Andy Sievers prosecuted the case. Many state and federal agencies collaborated in the investigation, including officials from the Warren County Drug Task Force, Clermont County Drug Task Force, Butler County Sheriff's Undercover Regional Narcotics Task Force, Hamilton County Regional Narcotics Unit, Tennessee State Police, Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and Federal Drug Enforcement Agency.



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