

Local “Beard Guy” Pleads Guilty to Drug Trafficking

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Garey Faulkner, 33, of Amelia, Ohio, pled guilty today in front of Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Timothy Tepe to trafficking in marijuana and possession of marijuana, felonies of the 3rd degree, and forfeiture of \$10,000.

Faulkner is known as the Bengals and Reds “beard guy” and is also known nationally for his creative beard styles.

On July 18, 2016, Faulkner contacted an undercover officer indicating he wanted to meet and purchase marijuana. Later that day, the undercover officer met with Faulkner and his codefendant to purchase five pounds of marijuana for \$10,000. Once the transaction was made, officers moved in and arrested Faulkner and his codefendant.

Faulkner was interviewed by detectives and admitted that he intended to sell the marijuana he was attempting to purchase from the undercover officer. Faulkner also admitted that he has trafficked marijuana, on and off, for most of his life.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell commended the Warren County Drug Task Force, Assistant Prosecutor Chris Delnicki, Investigator Patty Dratt, and Legal Assistant Tonya Colwell for their work on the case.



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