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## News Release

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### **Prolific Newport drug dealer sentenced to 100 months in prison**

On May 20, 2011, a Lincoln County jury unanimously found George Galstaun, 49, of Newport, Oregon, guilty of three counts of unlawful delivery of OxyContin, two counts of unlawful delivery of Methadone, one count of unlawful delivery of OxyContin to a minor, one count of unlawful delivery of Methadone to a minor, one count of unlawful delivery of Ritalin, and one count of possession of Cocaine.

On July 19, 2011, Galstaun was sentenced by Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Thomas O. Branford to 100 months in prison without the possibility of early release or parole. Judge Branford cited Galstaun's criminal record as one reason for denying any form of early release. Galstaun had previously been convicted of three counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance back in 2005, among other prior convictions.

The most recent convictions were the direct result of an extensive investigation by the Lincoln Interagency Narcotics Team (LINT) lasting over a period of years. LINT also spearheaded the investigation leading to Galstaun's 2005 convictions.

Galstaun was a long term resident of Newport when LINT was informed that he was dealing drugs to children. LINT immediately began devoting resources to investigate and verify this information, and ultimately stop Galstaun from selling drugs to kids. During the trial one witness testified that Galstaun told him that he could get him anything he wanted any time he wanted it.

Noting that prescription drug abuse is escalating to epidemic levels across the Nation, especially among youth, District Attorney Rob Bovett said that "these types of powerful drugs can lead to a lifetime of addiction that devastate individuals and families. They are also the kinds of drug that can easily kill young people."

Deputy District Attorney Michelle Branam, who prosecuted the case, said it sends an important message: "We will hold those who deal drugs like OxyContin and Methadone to kids accountable." Branam also noted that "LINT does a phenomenal job protecting our community and families from the plague of neighborhood drug dealing. These are the types of cases that patrol officers simply do not have the time or resources to investigate."

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