



**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**  
*District of Minnesota*

U.S. ATTORNEY ERICA H. MACDONALD

---

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 20, 2020

CONTACT: Tasha Zerna  
(612) 664-5743

**ROCHESTER MAN SENTENCED TO 262 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR  
METHAMPHETAMINE DISTRIBUTION**

United States Attorney Erica H. MacDonald today announced the sentencing of DWIGHT FREDERICK BARNES, 50, to 262 months in prison for distributing methamphetamine. On February 7, 2020, following a seven-day jury trial, BARNES was convicted by a federal jury on one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. BARNES was sentenced today before Judge Nancy E. Brasel in U.S. District Court in St. Paul, Minnesota.

As proven at trial, between May 12, 2017, and October 20, 2017, BARNES received at least four packages, sent from the west coast, containing methamphetamine, which he sold in Rochester, Minnesota. On October 20, 2017, the Rochester Police Department seized a fifth package sent by BARNES that contained two pounds of methamphetamine.

This case was the result of an investigation conducted by the Rochester Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the FBI.

Assistant United States Attorney LeeAnn K. Bell prosecuted the case.

Defendant Information:

DWIGHT FREDERICK BARNES, 50  
Rochester, Minn.

Convicted:

- Conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, 1 count

Sentenced:

- 262 months in prison
- 10 years of supervised release

###

Additional news available on our [website](#).

Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

United States Attorney's Office, District of Minnesota: (612) 664-5600