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Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Waterloo Man to Federal Prison for Gang-Related Shooting

A man who was one of four shooters who collectively fired thirty-four rounds of ammunition at a residence occupied by eight people, including a child, was sentenced on August 19, 2025, to fifteen years in federal prison.

Anthony Kyle O'Donnell, age 37, from Waterloo, Iowa, received the prison term after a November 18, 2024 guilty plea to possession of a firearm by a felon.

Information from sentencing showed that on the afternoon of August 21, 2022, four individuals dressed in all black clothing opened fire at a residence in Waterloo. After the shooting, the individuals fled. Officers located two men dressed in all black outside a residence about five blocks away. Officers found three firearms in a shed near the men. An officer encountered O'Donnell about a block away from the firearms. He was wearing all black clothing and sweating.

Officers collected thirty-four shell casings at the scene of the shooting. Eight people, including a two-year-old child, were inside the house when they were fired upon. Bullets penetrated the living room and a bedroom. Four of the occupants suffered bleeding injuries from broken glass, and one had a graze from a bullet.

DNA testing showed that O'Donnell's DNA was on one of the recovered firearms, a stolen Beretta pistol. Ten of the thirty-four rounds were fired from that firearm. Law enforcement identified the shooting as gang-related based on the gang associations of four of the victims and the associations of O'Donnell and the other two men they located.

O'Donnell was sentenced in Cedar Rapids by United States District Court Chief Judge C.J. Williams. O'Donnell was sentenced to 180 months' imprisonment. He must also serve a three-year term of supervised release after the prison term. There is no parole in the federal system.

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This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence, and to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. On May 26, 2021, the Department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results.

O'Donnell is being held in the United States Marshal's custody until he can be transported to a federal prison.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kyndra Lundquist and investigated by a Federal Task Force composed of the Waterloo Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms assisted by the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office and Cedar Falls Police Department.

Court file information at <https://ecf.iand.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/login.pl>.
The case file number is 24-CR-2019.

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