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McKINNEY MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ECSTACY

(Sherman, Texas) A 38-year-old McKinney man has been sentenced to 46 months in federal prison for possessing the drug MDMA, also known as Ecstasy, with the intent to distribute. **WILLIAM BURNETT BROOKINS** was sentenced last week by U.S. District Judge Richard Schell.

According to information presented in court, on March 24, 2004, Brookins traveled to Canada where he purchased approximately 4,000 tablets of ecstasy from an individual. On March 26, Brookins and the individual sent the packaged tablets by United Parcel Service (UPS) to a postal box in Plano. The UPS package was intercepted in Kentucky by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. After opening the package and discovering the hidden drugs, the federal agents re-sealed the package and delivered it to the postal box in Plano. Brookins was arrested shortly after he picked up the package and opened it. In a separate incident, Brookins was arrested by the Denton Police Department in January 2004 with 1,709 ecstasy tablets in his possession. Charges were pending for that arrest at the time of the arrest for the UPS package in March. As part of his plea agreement, Brookins admitted to possessing those drugs for the purpose of distributing them.

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The case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andy Williams.

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