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Intercepted Mail Leads to Narcotics Arrest and Conviction

John Roger Taylor, age 40 of Wilmington, pled guilty on Thursday, March 12, 2026, to Trafficking Cocaine Level II, Trafficking MDMA, Level I, Trafficking Cocaine Level I, Possession of a Firearm by Felon, and Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, and Deliver a Schedule II Controlled Substance. The Honorable R. Kent Harrell sentenced Taylor to a minimum of 148 months in the Department of Adult Correction. Judge Harrell also imposed a \$50,000 fine.

After receiving a tip in August of 2025, the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics detectives investigated the residence of 1028 Saint Andrews Drive, Apartment 302, in Wilmington. Throughout that investigation, detectives learned that Taylor received cocaine through packages that were mailed from an out-of-state source. On September 3rd, 2025, a search warrant was executed at the residence, which yielded approximately 111 grams of cocaine and 34 grams of MDMA, among other narcotics and paraphernalia. Inside the residence detectives also located a black Ruger handgun. Additionally, law enforcement intercepted three additional packages in transit to Taylor's residence via the Postal Inspector. Search warrants were granted for those packages and law enforcement located an additional approximate 128 grams of cocaine in one package and 225 grams of cocaine in another.



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