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Riegelwood Drug Offender Sentenced to Prison Time

George Devon McNair, age 51 of Riegelwood, plead guilty yesterday in New Hanover County Criminal Superior Court to Possessing Cocaine within 1,000 Feet of a School, a class E felony. Judge R. Kent Harrell sentenced McNair to an active term of a minimum of 23 months and a maximum of 40 months in prison.

On May 11, 2025 Wilmington Police Department officers conducted a traffic stop on a Chevy Tahoe associated with McNair, who they knew had an outstanding warrant and a revoked license. The Tahoe came to a stop in the parking lot of the Howard Johnson motel at 3901 Market Street in Wilmington, a location from which the officers previously observed the vehicle coming and going earlier that day.

McNair was arrested without incident. A search of his person incident to his arrest yielded \$272 in cash and 6.89 grams of cocaine in his pockets. The cocaine was individually packaged into 28 small plastic baggies, consistent with packaging for sale in small amounts for illicit, personal use.

The Howard Johnson parking lot is within 1,000 feet of Mosley Career Readiness Academy, a high school located at 3702 Princess Place Drive in Wilmington, elevating McNair's offense to a class E felony. McNair went into custody following his court appearance.

McNair's prior criminal history includes convictions for Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver in 2001 and 2002, and Trafficking in Cocaine in 2009.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney David Joyner.



George Devon McNair