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Hammond Man Sentenced to 66 Months in Prison

On July 2, 2026, Jonas Derrico Smith, 54 years old, of Hammond, Indiana, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Philip P. Simon after pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Adam L. Mildred. Smith was sentenced to 66 months in prison followed by 2 years of supervised release.

“A drug dealer and robber will go to prison for five and

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a half years for possessing a firearm. The Defendant sold Xanax twice in October 2023 from his residence in Hammond, Indiana. Law enforcement executed a search warrant and recovered a loaded revolver, a semi-automatic pistol and multiple rounds of ammunition. Smith has prior felony convictions for armed robbery, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, and twice for distributing cocaine; all of which prohibit him from possessing a firearm or ammunition. Our community is safer due to the efforts of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and Assistant United States Attorney Caitlin M. Padula as part of Operation Take Back America,” said U.S. Attorney Adam L. Mildred.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Caitlin M. Padula.

Gary Man Found Guilty by Jury

On July 14, 2026, Darod Wheeler, 55 years old, of Gary, Indiana, was found guilty following a two-day trial presided over by United States District Court Judge Philip P. Simon, announced United States Attorney Adam L. Mildred.

“The Defendant was found guilty for Trafficking Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, and Heroin. According to trial testimony and documents in the case, on July 24, 2025, during an initial controlled purchase outside his residence in Gary, Indiana, Wheeler sold more than

5 grams of methamphetamine and a quantity of fentanyl to a confidential informant acting at the direction of law enforcement. Five days later, on July 29, 2025, during a second controlled purchase outside that residence, Wheeler sold more than 5 grams of methamphetamine, a quantity of fentanyl, and a quantity of heroin to that informant. The jury was advised that less than an hour after the second controlled purchase concluded, officers searched Wheeler’s residence and located the money used to pay Wheeler for those drugs. After being advised of his Miranda rights, the Defendant confessed to drug trafficking, according to trial testimony,” said U.S. Attorney Adam L. Mildred.

Source: United States Attorney’s Office Northern District of Indiana

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr.

and his staff want to hear your questions and concerns.

Mayor’s Night Out will give you an opportunity to discuss issues directly with the Mayor and his staff.

**Wednesday, August 12th
6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**4th District - St. John Bosco School Cafeteria
1231 171st Pl. - Hammond**

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Mayor’s Office 219-853-6301
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Statement on Flooding at the Hammond Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks

On the night of Friday, July 3, an intense band of thunderstorms moved across Northwest Indiana, dropping a large amount of rain in a very short period. Preliminary National Weather Service information indicates that rainfall rates at the peak of the storm exceeded three inches per hour, with several inches accumulating over just a few hours on top of soaking rains earlier in the holiday weekend. That combination overwhelmed drainage systems across the region and led to flooding at the headworks building of the Hammond Sanitary District (HSD) Wastewater Treatment Plant. During the height of the storm, it appears both incoming utility power feeds serving the facility fluctuated for a period of time and power

was lost. When the plant's backup generator started and power was reintroduced, some of the electrical equipment in the headworks had already been affected by floodwater, which caused protective breakers to trip. This is exactly what those breakers are designed to do — they de-energize equipment to protect it and to keep personnel safe.

Because of those safety trips, pumping could not resume automatically. It was not until electricians arrived on site and systematically brought individual sections of the headworks back online — carefully verifying each section before energizing the next — that pumping operations were able to resume. By that time, normal utility power had been all or partially restored.

Since the storm, outside contractors and HSD plant personnel have been working around the clock to bring the facility back to full capacity. At the same time, a full risk assessment is being conducted so that we understand exactly what happened, how our systems and procedures performed, and what improvements will make the plant more resilient against future extreme-weather events.

"I want to thank the plant operators, the electricians, our contractors, and our public works crews for their tireless work under difficult conditions", stated Milan Kruszynski, District Manager, HSD. "Their response protected our infrastructure and our community. I also want to assure Hammond residents that public safety and the

protection of our waterways remain our highest priorities as recovery continues." Please note that the details above reflect preliminary information. The investigation into the cause and sequence of events is ongoing, and some findings may be updated as that work is completed. The City and the Hammond Sanitary District will continue to keep the public informed.

"This was an extraordinary storm that tested our systems, stated Mayor McDermott. "Our team's response kept a difficult situation from becoming far worse, and we are already at work identifying what we can do better. We will be transparent with our residents as we learn more."

Source: City of Hammond

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First World War begins to escalate

On August 1, 1914, four days after Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, Germany declares war on Russia and France orders a general mobilization. The following day, the first German army units cross into Luxembourg in preparation for an invasion of France. Over the next three days, Russia, France, Belgium and Great Britain all lined up against Austria-Hungary and Germany, and the German army invaded Belgium. The "Great War" that ensued was one of unprecedented destruction and loss of life, resulting in the deaths of some 20 million soldiers and civilians. On June 28, 1914, in an event that is widely regarded as sparking the outbreak of World War I, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian empire, was shot to death with his wife by Bosnian Serb Gavrilo Princip in Sarajevo, Bosnia. Ferdinand had been inspecting his uncle's imperial armed forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina, despite the threat of Serbian nationalists who wanted these Austro-Hungarian possessions to join newly independent Serbia. Austria-Hungary blamed the Serbian government for the attack and hoped to use the incident as justification for settling the problem of Slavic nationalism once and for all. However, as Russia supported Serbia, an Austria-Hungary declaration of war was delayed until its leaders received assurances from German leader Kaiser Wilhelm II that Germany would support their cause in the event of a Russian intervention. On July 28, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, and the

tenuous peace between Europe's great powers collapsed. On July 29, Austro-Hungarian forces began to shell the Serbian capital of Belgrade, and Russia, Serbia's ally, ordered a troop mobilization against Austria-Hungary. France, allied with Russia, began to mobilize on August 2. France and Germany declared war against each other on August 3. After crossing through neutral Luxembourg, the German army invaded Belgium on the night of August 3-4, prompting Great Britain, Belgium's ally, to declare war against Germany.

In 1915, the Allies attempted to break the stalemate with an amphibious invasion of Turkey, which had joined the Central Powers in October 1914, but after heavy bloodshed the Allies were forced to retreat in early 1916. The year 1916 saw great offensives by Germany and Britain along the western front, but neither side accomplished a decisive victory. In the east, Germany was more successful, and the disorganized Russian army suffered terrible losses, spurring the outbreak of the Russian Revolution in 1917. By the end of 1917, the Bolsheviks had seized power in Russia and immediately set about negotiating peace with Germany. In 1918, the infusion of American troops and resources into the western front finally tipped the scale in the Allies' favor. Bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with an imminent invasion, Germany signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in November 1918.

Source: History.com Staff

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The company's tricycles became very popular and were sold by many of the nation's largest department stores that included Sears Roebuck, J. C. Penny's, Montgomery Ward, and Marshall Field. In 1952 the company was purchased by [AMF] American Machine & Foundry.

One of the world's largest makers of children's riding

toys. In 1954 it started construction on new company offices and employee facilities that added 12,000 sq. ft. to the company's 140,000 sq. ft. plant.

At a cost of an estimated \$200,000, the new building freed up space in its main building. That space would then be utilized for sorely needed manufacturing space. The company's employment had grown from 750 to more than 1,000 employees, working three shifts.

Source: Hammond Historical Society



Purdue University Northwest celebrates lifechanging opportunities for students, regional impact at 10th anniversary gala

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) on May 29 hosted over 600 supporters at Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana for its 10th anniversary gala, a marquee event of the university's 10th anniversary celebration recognizing a decade of changing students' lives. The event, which primarily served as a major fundraiser, secured more than \$450,000 of generous gifts made in support of scholarships for current and future PNW students.

"At PNW, we like to say that changing students' lives starts with all of us," said PNW Chancellor Kenneth C. Holford. "With your generosity, we are able to achieve that mission. These scholarships and your support significantly benefit our students by helping them persist to their degrees."

PNW is dedicated to transforming lives through innovative education, impactful research and community engagement. University leaders, faculty, staff, students, alumni and supporters

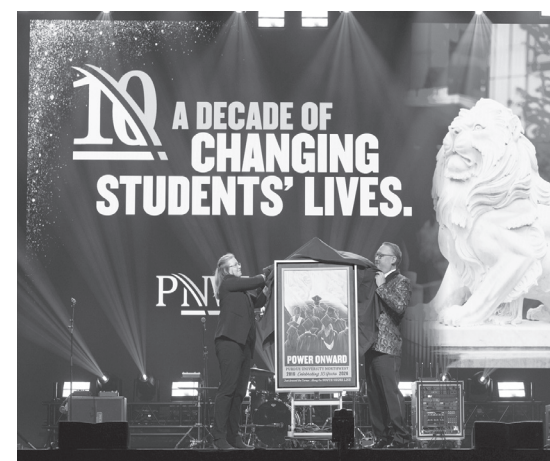
gathered to enjoy and reflect on a decade of significant growth and accomplishments for the university. "PNW, in partnership with its stakeholders, is working to position the region as a globally significant destination for advanced technology, investment and the reshoring of crucial infrastructure at this important time for our country," said Holford.

PNW's 10th anniversary gala was also punctuated by the celebration of its annual PNW Alumni Hall of Fame induction and alumni awards.

Deno Yiankes (BS'88), chairman of Chimera Hospitality Corporation and former president and CEO of Investment and Developments with White Lodging, was recognized as the 2026 inductee for his more than three decades of distinguished leadership in hospitality and tourism management, as well as his extraordinary philanthropy supporting opportunities for PNW students.

"I will always be grateful to be affiliated with Purdue University Northwest and what it stands for in supporting the backbone of our region," said Yiankes. "There are many students with dreams and backgrounds who make it so inspiring to continue supporting what we are about. The people of PNW are all driven by creating an environment that is positive for Northwest Indiana and they prioritize students with how they plan and adjust in the changing higher education environment."

PNW alumni Ryan Elinkowski (BA'11), Erin Okamoto Protsman (BA'88; MA'01) and Spencer Summers (BS'22; MBA'23) were also honored for their accomplishments across different professional career stages. The three received the Pride of PNW Alumni Award, the PNW Campus Pride Alumni Award and the Power Onward Emerging Leader Award, respectively.



To learn more about the PNW Alumni Hall of Fame and alumni awards, visit pnw.edu/hall-of-fame.

The celebration was capped off with the unveiling of a specially commissioned PNW-themed South Shore poster. The painting, created by artist Kristina Knowski, depicts a bright scene with graduates ascending toward two of the university's distinct lion statues. The painting also features the university's Power Onward brand and notes the university's milestone 10th anniversary celebration.

Source: Purdue University Northwest

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City of Hammond Celebrates Groundbreaking of New Uesco Industries Crane Manufacturing Facility

Project represents continued industrial growth, job creation, and private investment in Hammond's manufacturing economy.

Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., the City of Hammond, Uesco Industries, 219 Development Services, Fifth Third Bank, and project partners gathered today to celebrate the groundbreaking of Uesco Industries' new crane manufacturing facility in Hammond, Indiana.

The project marks another major step forward in Hammond's continued efforts to attract investment, support industrial growth, create quality jobs, and strengthen the city's long-standing manufacturing base. Uesco Industries, a fourth-generation industrial company specializing in crane systems and material handling solutions, selected Hammond for its new facility as part of the company's continued growth and long-term commitment to serving industrial customers throughout the region and nationally.

This is a big economic development win for the City of Hammond," said Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. "We are taking a parcel of land that has sat underutilized for decades and have brought in

another Illinois company across the border to relocate in our city and in Indiana. A \$25 million investment of this scale will bring a new company to our city with all the investment and the over 100 jobs that come with it. We are excited to welcome UESCO to Hammond.

The new facility is being designed to support Uesco's crane manufacturing operations, specialized and increased production needs, and future growth. Once complete, the project will provide Uesco with a modern, purpose-built facility that expands the company's manufacturing capacity and supports its employees, customers, and long-term business objectives.

"For the better part of 10 years, our family has envisioned bringing Uesco Industries across the state line to Indiana. Today, that vision is finally a reality, and it wouldn't have happened without the relentless dedication of our partners," said Ryan Marks, President of Uesco Industries. "I want to personally thank Mayor McDermott and the City of Hammond, the team at 219 Development, and Fifth Third Bank for their unwavering support in making this complex project work. We aren't just building a state-of-the-art crane



manufacturing facility here; we are planting our flag. Uesco looks forward to creating great jobs, investing in the local economy, and being a model corporate citizen in Hammond for generations to come."

The project has been advanced through a collaborative public-private effort involving the City of Hammond, Uesco Industries, 219 Development Services, Fifth Third Bank, and other local, state, and federal partners. 219 Development Services has served as Uesco's developer consultant and owner's representative, assisting with site planning, design coordination, permitting, incentive procurement, financing coordination, and construction planning.

"Mayor McDermott and the City of Hammond deserve a tremendous amount of credit for creating an environment where companies like Uesco can confidently invest and grow," said Jack Ferrino, Principal of 219 Development Services. "From the start, this project has been about more than constructing a building. It has been about helping a fourth-generation company expand its operations, bring meaningful investment into Hammond, and create a long-term home for advanced manufacturing in Northwest Indiana. We are honored to work alongside Uesco, the City of Hammond, Fifth Third Bank, and all of the

project partners to help bring this vision to reality."

Fifth Third Bank is serving as a key financial partner in the project, supporting Uesco's investment and long-term growth in Hammond.

"At Fifth Third, we believe economic growth is most meaningful when it creates opportunity for people and strengthens the communities they call home. UESCO's investment in Hammond represents more than a manufacturing expansion; it is a commitment to creating quality jobs, developing local talent, and contributing to the long-term vitality of the region. We are proud to support this transformational project through our New Markets Tax Credit program and accelerate efforts to advance economic development that will empower businesses, individuals, and communities alike." Said Mark Heckler, Region President of Fifth Third Bank.

The groundbreaking ceremony represents the official start of construction activity for the new facility. The project is expected to support Hammond's broader economic development goals by bringing new industrial activity, construction investment, and long-term manufacturing operations and jobs to the city.

Source: City of Hammond



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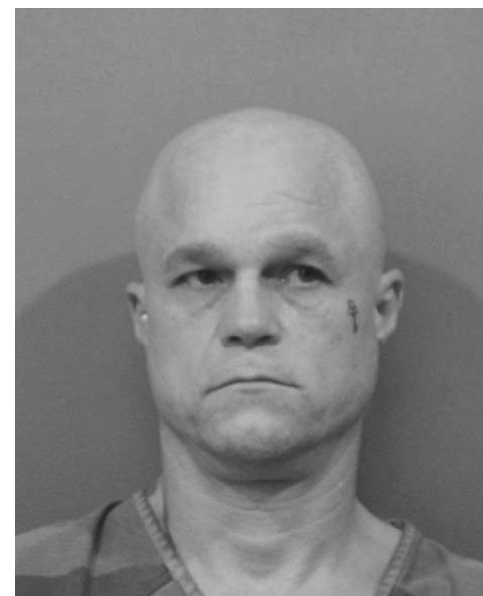
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