

Federal jury convicts Manassas woman for maintaining a property used for drug trafficking

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NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – A federal jury convicted Paris Chappel Hudson, 35, of Manassas, yesterday on charges of maintaining a drug-involved premises.

According to court records and evidence presented at trial, on June 12, 2025, Hudson and Khymarr Talib Cooper, 46, were arrested for their roles in a COVID-era unemployment insurance fraud scheme. When law enforcement arrived at the residence where the couple lived to arrest them, Hudson disclosed that she possessed a firearm. Investigators attained a warrant to search the residence and discovered additional firearms and ammunition as well as distribution amounts of marijuana, 161 street-pressed oxycodone pills, narcotics packaging material, two digital scales with narcotics residue, \$4,107, a commercial money counter, two cellphones belonging to Cooper, and one cellphone belonging to Hudson.

Text messages between Cooper and Hudson on their phones confirmed Hudson knew of Cooper's drug trafficking. Hudson was the sole lessee of the residence.

Hudson faces up to 20 years in prison when sentenced on July 17. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Hudson pled guilty to wire fraud relating to the unemployment scheme on August 5, 2025, and was sentenced on Jan. 21 to six months in prison. Cooper pled guilty to wire fraud relating to the unemployment scheme on Aug. 25, 2025, and was sentenced on Dec. 5, 2025, to one year and eight months in prison. Cooper pled guilty on March 30 to possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and faces a mandatory minimum of five years and up to life in prison when sentenced on July 2.

The Prince William County Police Department; Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General; and Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General investigated this case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter G. Osyf is prosecuting the case.

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