

Cornwall drug dealer has his sentence increased

A man who imported MDMA from The Netherlands and was also in possession of further Class A drugs with intent to supply has had his sentence increased following an intervention by the Solicitor General, Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP.

Daniel Peck, aged 21, was involved in importing and dealing MDMA. On 12 October 2018, United Kingdom Border Agency intercepted a package which had arrived from The Netherlands containing 201 MDMA tablets. The package was destined for Peck.

Peck's home address in Penzance was subsequently searched by police officers and he was found to be in possession of MDMA, 2C-B and ketamine. An investigation of his finances showed that between September 2017 and October 2018, Peck had a total of £39,439.26 credited to his account, made up of 101 individual transfers.

When Peck's mobile phone was examined, it was found to hold text messages which showed he had a large customer base and that he had dealt drugs at local festivals, clubs and pubs.

On 8 November 2019, Peck was sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment suspended for 2 years at Truro Crown Court, with a requirement to carry out 300 hours of unpaid work.

Following a referral to the Court of Appeal by the Solicitor General, on 12 February the sentence was found to be unduly lenient and has been increased to a sentence of 2 years and 9 months' immediate imprisonment.

After the hearing the Solicitor General said:

"Peck had a large criminal operation and supplied drugs to a significant number of people. Criminal activity of this scale should not go unpunished, and it is therefore right that his sentence is increased."