

Cape Cod Gang Leader Sentenced to 28.5 Years in Prison

A leader of the Nauti Block gang was sentenced in federal court in Boston today to 28.5 years in prison for trafficking multiple kilograms of heroin and fentanyl throughout Cape Cod. An associate of the gang was also sentenced today for her role in the drug trafficking conspiracy.

Denzel Chisholm, 26, of West Yarmouth, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Chief Judge Patti B. Saris to 342 months in prison and 10 years of supervised release; and Molly London, 33, of Hyannis, was sentenced to 20 months in prison and three years of supervised release. In June 2017, Chisholm and London were convicted of various drug charges related to their roles in a heroin and fentanyl trafficking operation on Cape Cod. Chisholm was convicted of one count of conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin, nine counts of possession of heroin with the intent to distribute, and one count of conspiracy to distribute suboxone, which was intended to be trafficked into MCI-Norfolk prison. London was convicted of aiding and abetting Chisholm and maintaining a residence for drug purposes.

On April 5, 2016, following a nearly eight-month long investigation, 13 members of the Cape Cod-based Nauti-Block gang were arrested on federal drug trafficking and firearms charges. Two subsequent superseding indictments brought the total number of defendants charged in the case to 19.

Chisholm distributed massive quantities of heroin throughout lower Cape Cod. He used other individuals, including London, to store and deliver the heroin, then sold it to numerous co-

conspirators. During a search of London's home, 77 grams of heroin were found in a Starbucks cup and a 55-pound package of mannitol (a heroin cutting agent) was found by her bed. Previously intercepted text messages and phone calls indicated that London made her home available to Chisholm just before Chisholm engaged in heroin transactions.

Fifteen of Chisholm and London's co-conspirators have pleaded guilty to various drug distribution and conspiracy charges and seven have been sentenced.

Chisholm and co-defendant Tyrone Gomes also face state charges for the 2015 murder of Christine Ferreira at a rest stop on Route 6 on Cape Cod.