

YOU'VE BEEN CHARGED WITH A DRUG OFFENSE, BUT YOU STILL HAVE RIGHTS. MAKE SURE THEY ARE PROTECTED.

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If you are convicted of a drug offense, it could cost you financially for years to come, and more importantly, it could also cause you to lose your freedom. Consequently, do not approach your defense as if you have been charged with something as simple as a speeding ticket. You need an attorney who is dedicated to criminal defense and who will make sure your Constitutional rights are protected. That means someone who will:

- Analyze your case in search of legal or factual defenses and skillfully argue any defense(s) at trial;
- Negotiate with the DA's Office to get the best plea offer possible if there are no defense(s); and
- Offer any and all potential mitigating factors in hopes of reducing your sentence if your case reaches a sentencing phase.

I pride myself on being such an attorney, and it would be my privilege to put my knowledge and experience to work for you.

#### TRUST LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Over the course of my career, I have dedicated myself to providing the highest quality criminal defense possible, which is highlighted by the following:

- I have been certified as a Specialist in State Criminal Law by the N.C. State Bar;
- Each year from 2014 2024, I have been recognized for my work in criminal defense by N.C. Super Lawyers Magazine; and
- I have received an AV Preeminent® peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell®, which means my peers rank me at the highest level of professional excellence.

# YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO HAVE YOUR CASE DISMISSED EVEN IF YOU ARE GUILTY

It may be possible to have your case dismissed prior to trial through a "Conditional Discharge" under the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-96. If you qualify for this disposition, a Conditional Discharge requires you to fulfill certain terms and conditions during a limited term of probation, and if those conditions are satisfied, the court will dismiss the charge(s). It may then be possible to have these charge(s) expunged from your record in a separate proceeding.

#### WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Please contact our office by phone at 910-296-9838 or me directly via email at jbh@justinbhunter.law for a free consultation before your court date. Also, you can visit us online at www.justinbhunter.law for more information. Thank you for your time and considering my firm, and with best wishes, I remain

Truly yours.

JUSTIN B. HUNTER

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### PUNISHMENT GRID FOR COMMON DRUG CRIMES

Crime	Maximum possible punishment	Eligible for Conditional Discharge	
Possession of less than 1/2 ounce of marijuana	20 days	Yes	
Possession of marijuana paraphernalia	20 days	Yes	
Possession of certain schedule II-IV controlled substances (e.g. opiates, depressants, narcotics, stimulants)	120 days	Yes	
Possession of drug paraphernalia	120 days	s Yes	
Possession of between ½-1 ½ ounces of marijuana	120 days	Yes	
Manufacture, deliver, or possession with intent to manufacture/ sell/deliver schedule III-VI controlled substance	24 months	Yes	
Possession of schedule I controlled substance	24 months	Yes	
Manufacture, deliver, or possession with intent to manufacture/ sell/deliver schedule I or II controlled substance	39 months	No	
Sale of a schedule III, IV, V, VI controlled substance	39 months	No	
Sale of a schedule I or II controlled substance	47 months	No	

MINIMUN	л-MAXIMUM SEN	NTENCI	ES FOR DE	RUG TRAFFICK	ING CRIMES, BY OFF	ENSE	CLASS	
Offense Committed before 12/1/2012				Offense committed on/after 12/1/2012				
Class	Minimum		Maximum	Class	Minimum	Maximum		
Class C	225 mos.		279	Class C	225 mos.	282		
Class D	175		219	Class D	175	222		
Class E	90		117	Class E	90		120	
Class F	70		84	Class F	70		93	
Class G	35		42	Class G	35		51	
Class H	25		30	Class H	25		39	
DRUG	AMOUNT	CLASS	FINE (not less than)	DRUG	AMOUNT	CLASS	FINE (not less than)	
Marijuana	In excess of 10 lbs-49 lbs	Class H	\$ 5,000	LSD	100-499 units	Class G	\$ 25,000	
·	50-1,999 lbs	Class G	\$ 25,000		500-999	Class F	\$ 50,000	
	2,000-9,999	Class F	\$ 50,000	<u> </u>	1,000 or more	Class D	\$200,000	
	10,000 or more	Class D	\$200,000	MDA/MDMA	100-499 units/28-199 grams	Class G	\$ 25,000	
Methaqualone	1,000-4,999 dosage units	Class G	\$ 25,000		500-999 units/200-399 grams	Class F	\$ 50,000	
	5,000-9,999	Class F	\$ 50,000		1,000 units/400 grams or more	Class D	\$250,000	
	10,000 or more	Class D	\$200,000	MDPV*	28-199 grams	Class F	\$ 50,000	
Cocaine	28-199 grams	Class G	\$ 50,000		200-399	Class E	\$100,000	
	200-399	Class F	\$100,000		400 or more	Class C	\$250,000	
	400 or more	Class D	\$250,000	Mephedrone*	28-199 grams	Class F	\$ 50,000	
Methamphe-	28-199 grams	Class F	\$ 50,000	- 0	200-399	Class E	\$100,000	
tamine					400 or more	Class C	\$250,000	
	200-399	Class E	\$100,000	Amphetamine	In excess of 50-249 dosage units**	Class H	\$ 5,000	
	400 or more	Class C	\$250,000	Cannabinoids	250-1,249	Class G	\$ 25,000	
Amphetamine	28-199 grams	Class H	\$ 5,000		1,250-3,749	Class F	\$ 50,000	
	200-399	Class G	\$ 25,000		3,750 or more	Class D	\$200,000	
	400 or more	Class E	\$100,000		44.44			
Opium or Heroin	4-13 grams	Class F	\$ 50,000		** A "dosage unit" is 3 grams of synthetic cannabinoid or any			
	14-27	Class E	\$100,000					
	28 or more	Class C	\$500,000		mixture containing such substance			



## MEET YOUR ATTORNEY

# Justin B. Hunter

The son of two educators, Justin B. Hunter was born and raised in the Duplin County town of Beulaville. He received his undergraduate degrees



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