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Man sentenced for supplying LSD

The judge gave Harry Giordano credit for turning his life around and sentenced him to a month in jail.

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Harry Giordano, Jr. has changed.

He's no longer the "dirtball" family and friends remember from three years ago. Back then, his lawyer told a judge, the 22-year-old Morrisville man was an unmotivated teen who stayed in his black-painted bedroom for hours tripping on LSD and playing guitar under psychedelic posters.

Giordano now is a straitlaced college student with a steady job and steady girlfriend. He testified Friday he has outgrown the lifestyle that led him to sell LSD in 1999, drugs that eventually wound up in the hands of Neshaminy High students and led to a grand jury investigation.

"Everything I was doing at that time I've stopped. When I got arrested, my first thought was Why now?"

Bucks County Judge David Heckler apparently agreed with Giordano and sentenced him to 23 months in the county prison plus 115 hours of community service. The sentence was far below the minimum ninemonths Giordano could have received under state sentencing guidelines.

"You've cleaned up your act," Heckler told Giordano. "If you were a dirtball, you don't appear to be one anyone."

Giordano was arrested in March along with Donald Bound, 26, of Hulmerville. A grand jury found the men took part in an LSD-selling ring that supplied teens with the hallucinogenic drug. The investigation began in 2000 after a similar ring was busted in Lambertville.

Giordano pleaded guilty in October to possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

He admitted to travelling to Vermont to buy LSD, which he then sold to Bound, who distributed it in the school with the help of his teenage girlfriend.