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Five-year term *Bel - Brog - B* for former lawyer

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CLEARWATER, FLA. - Former Belleville lawyer David Blair has been sentenced to five years in prison for a variety of drug charges, but officials here say he will be able to serve his time in a Canadian penitentiary.

Blair was sentenced Wednesday to five years on a charge of trafficking cocaine, possession of 35 pounds of marijuana and possession of the drug methaqualone. The five year sentence was applied to all charges to be served concurrent and he will be turned over to a United States Marshal for deportation to Canada within the next three weeks.

Blair pleaded guilty to the charges last month in Pinellas County Court and also pleaded guilty to grand theft auto and possession of stolen licence plates. The judge passing sentenced found Blair had served enough time to warrant punishment for the theft charge (licence plates) and no additional time was ordered to be served on that charge.

Blair was arrested in December near Clearwater while driving a stolen car. The drugs were found in the vehicle at the time of the arrest.

Blair faces charges in Toronto of fraud in connection with complaints from two Toronto investment firms.

A spokesman for the Toronto Metro Police fraud squad said no decision has been made on when Blair will be charged, or if he will be charged, until he has been returned to Canada.

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