

Lynchburg

# Woman guilty in FedEx pot scheme

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A Lynchburg woman was found guilty Tuesday on a charge that she received two pounds of marijuana by mail.

Sharkeshia Lashay Harris, 23, was convicted on one count of possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, said Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Chuck Felmlee.

In December, the Virginia State Police received a tip about a shipment of narcotics headed to Lynchburg through FedEx, said Felmlee. It contained two pounds of marijuana and was addressed to "Joyce Brown" on Chambers Street.

State police agents dressed as FedEx drivers. When they arrived at the house, Harris told the undercover agents that she was Joyce Brown, Felmlee said.

Once the package had been delivered, Lynchburg police officers served a search warrant on the house, but had to break in the door when Harris refused to let them in.

The package the agents had delivered was hidden in the crawl space in the home's attic. A second empty box that was found in the bedroom had a strong scent of marijuana, Felmlee said.

Harris told police that she thought the box contained shoes and she had been doing it for a relative, Felmlee said. She later admitted to making several money transfers to California using the Walmart on Wards Road.

Harris will be sentenced in March.