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POLICE HUNT DRUGS BARON

'We are determined to bring him to justice,' pledges city detective

BY CATHERINE WATSON

A DEALER who has been convicted of organising drugs-trafficking worth more than £125,000 is being hunted by police after going on the run.

Justin Wan, 33, of Bonhay Road, St David's Exeter, was found guilty of conspiring to supply ecstasy and strong 'skunk' cannabis, at the city's crown court yesterday.

The jury also convicted Francesco Miacola, 46, of York Road, St David's, of conspiring to supply ecstasy.

He had already admitted the cannabis offence

which his co-defendant had denied.

Police say they are determined to catch Wan, who has been on the run since January this year, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Detective Constable Jonathan Manning said: "We're not just going to forget this — he's not just going to walk away."

"We are determined to bring him to justice. There is no way he could have disappeared without other people's support. If there is evidence that anybody else is helping support him, then they will also be investigated."

In court, Judge Philip Wassall told Miacola he was facing a long prison sentence and a decision would need to be made about what to do about Wan in his absence.

Prosecutor Andrew Oldland told the court that Wan had been the organiser and financier behind the pair's crimes and Miacola was his "eyes and ears on the ground".

Miacola was caught "red-handed" with £11,000 of cannabis in Exeter in an undercover drugs bust in 2007.

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