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Akron Man Pleads Guilty in Connection with Pregnant Woman's Drug Related Death

Rashon Williams Immediately Sentenced to 8 Years in Prison

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, February 07, 2017) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Rashon Williams, 22, of Alicia Walk in Akron, pled guilty in connection with the drug related death of Megan Carlson, who was six months pregnant.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Croce immediately sentenced Williams to eight years in prison.

Williams pled guilty to the following charges:

- Two Counts of Involuntary Manslaughter – felonies of the 1st degree
- Trafficking in Heroin – a felony of the 5th degree

In an unrelated case, Williams also pled guilty to the following charge:

- Possession of Cocaine – a felony of the 5th degree

“This case is a horrible example and reminder of how deadly these street drugs have become,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “While I am pleased to get one more drug dealer and his deadly poison off the street, I am saddened by this tragic and senseless loss of life.”

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On August 4, 2016, Megan Carlson was found dead in her Cuyahoga Falls home. Investigators determined the 26-year-old, who was six months pregnant at the time, died from ingesting carfentanil. Carlson's unborn baby also died. Police traced the drug back to Williams.

In January of this year, while facing charges in connection with Carlson's death, Williams was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine.