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### **Akron Man Pleads Guilty in Heroin Death**

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, May 18, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Richard Sandy, 22, of Arnold Avenue in Akron, pled guilty to Manslaughter. Sandy and a co-defendant supplied drugs to a woman who died of an overdose.

Sandy pled guilty to the following charges:

- Manslaughter – a felony of the first degree
- Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs – a felony of the fifth degree.

“Heroin addiction has become a major cause of concern for our community,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “My office will aggressively prosecute drug dealers. We cannot sit by and watch as this extremely addictive drug kills people.”

Sandy admitted to selling drugs to a woman who died from an overdose. The woman thought she was buying heroin, but Sandy knowingly sold her fentanyl, a powerful, synthetic narcotic, similar to, but much stronger than morphine. The woman was found dead by her grandfather in the apartment they shared.

Sentencing for Sandy is set for June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Sandy’s co-defendant, James Buell, pled guilty last month to Involuntary Manslaughter and Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs. Buell is also scheduled to be sentenced on June 17<sup>th</sup>.