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Akron Man Sentenced to 8-Years in Prison in Connection with Fentanyl Death

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, November 04, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Lynne Callahan sentenced Maycon Alvarez to 8-years in prison.

On September 21, 2015, Alvarez, 30, of Brandon Avenue in Akron, pled guilty to the following charges:

- Involuntary Manslaughter – a felony of the first degree
- Trafficking in Fentanyl – a felony of the fourth degree
- Two counts of Trafficking in Heroin – felonies of the fifth degree

“The heroin problem is an epidemic in our community, and my office will continue to aggressively prosecute people who sell drugs and make sure they are held accountable,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Maycon Alvarez was a hard core drug dealer, who sold fentanyl to unsuspecting addicts.”

On September 15, 2014, Alvarez sold fentanyl to 32-year-old Zachary Smith, who later died of an overdose. Investigators matched DNA discovered on a package found at the side of Smith’s body to Alvarez. Also, cell phone records showed Smith called Alvarez shortly before he died. When he was arrested, Alvarez had several packages of heroin, fentanyl, and marijuana.