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Akron Man Sentenced to 10-to-15 Years in Prison for Fentanyl Death

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, August 12, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Croce sentenced Antonio Goodwin, 56, of Nome Avenue in Akron, to 10-to-15 years in prison in connection with the fentanyl related death of 48-year-old Nathan Strickland.

On July 12, 2024, Goodwin pled guilty to the following charges in two separate cases:

(from case# 2024-02-0369)

- Involuntary Manslaughter – a Felony of the 1st Degree
- Corrupting Another with Drugs – a Felony of the 2nd Degree
- Trafficking in Fentanyl-Related Compound – a Felony of the 5th Degree

(from case# 2023-11-3911)

- Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs – a Felony of the 1st Degree
- Having a Weapon Under Disability – a Felony of the 3rd Degree

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In June of 2023 Strickland was found in his truck at a gas station on Copley Road near I-77 in Akron. The Summit County Medical Examiner determined Strickland died of fentanyl toxicity. Akron Police Department investigators found evidence that Antonio Goodwin provided Strickland with fentanyl. In the separate case, Goodwin was charged with trafficking in drugs after police searched his home and found various drugs and digital scales. Goodwin has several prior convictions on drug related charges.

“Drugs continue to be a major concern for our community. My office works hard to fight for victims and hold drug dealers accountable,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. “This sentence sends a message that we will continue to aggressively prosecute drug dealers and they will be sent to prison.”