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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES GUILTY VERDICT IN FENTANYL TRAFFICKING, GRAND THEFT AUTO CASE

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Brandon Evans, 34, was found guilty of trafficking a fentanyl-related compound and grand theft of a motor vehicle after stealing a U-Haul from Akron Mattress last year.

Last night, jurors found Evans guilty of the following charges:

- One count of Trafficking of a Fentanyl-Related Compound – a 1st Degree Felony;
- One count of Possession of a Fentanyl-Related Compound – a 1st Degree Felony; and
- One count of Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle – a 4th Degree Felony.

“Summit County residents know all too well the devastation that fentanyl and other dangerous drugs have had on our communities, and we will continue to hold drug traffickers like Evans accountable,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In January 2024, Evans stole a U-Haul truck from Akron Mattress, a local business authorized to rent out the vehicles. The next day, police located the truck, and Evans fled when officers approached. Evans’ cell phone, drugs containing fentanyl, and other drug paraphernalia were recovered from the truck. Information from Evans’ cell phone linked him to the crime.

Evans has a status hearing to address his other active cases set for tomorrow, January 23, 2025 at 8:45 a.m. with Summit County Court of Common Pleas Judge Tammy O’Brien.

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