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## PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES AT LEAST 11 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MAJOR DRUG OFFENDER

AKRON, OH – Yesterday, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Spencer Hackney, 38, was sentenced to 11 to 16.5 years in prison for charges stemming from 2023 aggravated drug possession offenses. Hackney was also designated a Major Drug Offender for having over 3,500 grams of methamphetamine.

Last month, a Summit County Jury found Hackney guilty of one count of Aggravated Possession of Drugs with a Major Drug Offender Specification – a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony.

The Honorable Judge Joy Malek-Oldfield also found Hackney guilty of one count of Having Weapons While Under Disability with a Specification for Forfeiture of a Weapon While Under Disability – a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony.

"The sheer quantity of methamphetamine recovered in this case is staggering. Traffickers like Hackney profit by fueling addiction and exploiting individuals struggling with substance abuse. Thanks to the diligent work of the Akron Police Department and my Assistant Prosecutors, we've taken a major supplier off the streets," said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In February 2023, police responded to Hackney's home after tracking his vehicle there following a separate allegation. Once there, officers observed a firearm inside the car. Hackney was arrested, and a subsequent search of the home uncovered multiple firearms, drug equipment, and narcotics—including 1.99 grams of heroin, fentanyl, etizolam, and bromazolam, and 3,595.03 grams of methamphetamine. The threshold required under Ohio law to be classified as a Major Drug Offender for methamphetamine is 300 grams. Hackney is the 24<sup>th</sup> Summit County defendant sentenced to prison this year for a first-degree felony drug charge, which is the highest-level offense under Ohio law.