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PRESS RELEASE

RE:*MICHAEL WEAVER FOUND GUILTY OF POSSESSION OF FENTANYL*

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A jury of twelve Crawford County citizens today found Michael Weaver guilty of Possession of Fentanyl (a felony of the fifth degree) and Possession of Drug Abuse Instruments (a misdemeanor of the second degree) in case number 21 CR 0270. Immediately after the jury's guilty verdict, Judge Sean Leuthold sentenced Mr. Weaver to eleven (11) months prison.

The case was tried by Assistant County Prosecutors Daniel Stanley and Bailey Higgins. According to County Prosecutor Matthew Crall, "Both assistants did a fantastic job presenting the evidence to the jury. Dan recently joined the office after spending fourteen (14) years in the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office and one (1) year in Morrow County. Prosecutor Crall said, "Dan has tried many cases over the last fifteen years and has specialized in prosecuting drug crime. As that is one of my top priorities, Dan will further keep drugs out of our community, off our streets, and away from our children."

"Bailey Higgins, who also serves as the Crestline Village Solicitor, works tirelessly to prosecute crime and showed her abilities in her first jury trial here after prosecuting for three years in Marion County."

After the trial, Michael Weaver also entered a guilty plea in case 21 CR 0320 and received a sentence of 4.5 years. He also received 778 days of prison time from a previous case where he was on post-release control.

"Reviewing the cases involving Mr. Weaver and the penalties he has received – over seven years in prison, I hope that those people who are bringing drugs into our community will hear this message – YOU ARE NOT WELCOME HERE. If you wish to do business here, you will be found and receive stringent sentences."

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