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Suffolk Man Sentenced to 20 years for Distribution of Ecstasy Resulting in Death of Sailor

(Norfolk, VA) - Lloyd B. Tankersley, Jr., age 38, of Suffolk, was sentenced today to 20 years in federal prison for the distribution of ecstasy that resulted in the September 11, 2001, death of Shenley Streeter. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Shawn A. Johnson, Special Agent in Charge, Washington Division, Drug Enforcement Administration; and, Bruce Marquis, Chief, Norfolk Police Department, made the announcement after United States District Judge Rebecca B. Smith sentenced Tankersley.

According to court documents, Streeter, a 21-year-old from Michigan who was in the United States Navy, was found dead on September 12, 2001. An autopsy performed by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner revealed Streeter died of ecstasy poisoning. A toxicology report performed by the Department of Forensic Science found a lethal amount of ecstasy in Streeter's blood system. Tankersley provided ecstasy to Streeter on September 11, 2001, which resulted in her death. Streeter was found a half a mile from Tankersley's home in her vehicle, parked in a small shopping center in Norfolk.

United States Attorney Rosenberg said, "Perhaps the tragic death of Ms. Streeter will put to rest the notion that some drugs, like ecstasy, are merely recreational. They are not - many such drugs are highly addictive and dangerous. Ecstasy took Ms. Streeter's life and Mr. Tankersley will have 20 years in prison to reflect on that simple lesson."

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Norfolk Police Department. Assistant United States Attorneys Howard J. Zlotnick and Lisa R. McKeel prosecuted this case on behalf of the United States.

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