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## **Cincinnati Man Sentenced to 262 Months for Methamphetamine and Fentanyl Conspiracy**

**COVINGTON, Ky.** — A Cincinnati man, Tamar Pope, 36, was sentenced Tuesday to 262 months in federal prison, by U.S. District Judge David Bunning, for conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and 400 grams or more of fentanyl, as well as aiding and abetting the distribution of 50 grams of methamphetamine.

According to his plea agreement, Pope supplied more than 30 pounds of crystal methamphetamine and 15 pounds of fentanyl to a conspiracy that distributed these substances in Northern Kentucky and Southern Ohio. Law enforcement seized significant amounts of methamphetamine from various conspiracy members in Kentucky and Ohio during the investigation.

Pope has four previous convictions for drug trafficking and had been released from prison in 2019.

Pope pleaded guilty to the current charges in June 2022.

Five other defendants have already been sentenced for their roles in the conspiracy. Robert Pflug was sentenced to 144 months; Holly McHenry was sentenced to 180 months; Thomas Powers was sentenced to 48 months; Travis Lelesch was sentenced to 84 months; and Allie Skirvin was sentenced to 202 months.

Under federal law, each Defendant must serve 85 percent of their prison sentence. Pope will be under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for five years after his release from prison.

Carlton S. Shier IV, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Keith Martin, Special Agent in Charge, DEA Detroit Field Division; Bryan Allen, Chief of the Villa Hills Police Department; and Christopher Fangman, Chief of the Newport Police Department, jointly announced the sentences.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Villa Hills

Police Department, and the Newport Police Department. The United States was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tony Bracke.

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