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## **Detroit Man Sentenced to 156 months for Conspiracy to Distribute Fentanyl and Heroin**

**ASHLAND, Ky.** — Leonard Anthony Wright, 33, of Detroit, was sentenced Monday, to 156 months in federal prison, by United States District Judge David L. Bunning, for conspiracy to distribute 40 Grams or more of Fentanyl and conspiracy to distribute 100 Grams of more of Heroin.

In April 2017, law enforcement members of the Huntington FBI Task Force, in conjunction with the Kentucky State Police and the Ashland Police Department, seized 209 grams of fentanyl, which Wright transported from Detroit to the Tri-State area of Ashland, Huntington, W.Va., and Ironton, Ohio. In August 2017, the same law enforcement agencies sized 876 grams of heroin, which had also been transported from Detroit to the Tri-State area. In September 2018, Wright entered a plea of guilty, admitting that he orchestrated the delivery of the fentanyl and heroin.

“The defendant transported significant quantities of the deadly drugs fentanyl and heroin to the Tri-State area, and now he faces a lengthy sentence of imprisonment for his illegal actions,” said United States Attorney Robert M. Duncan, Jr. “I commend law enforcement for their coordination and cooperation during this investigation. The combined efforts of the law enforcement agencies involved helped remove substantial amounts of dangerous drugs from the streets and likely saved lives.”

Under federal law, Wright must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence; and upon his release, he will be under the supervision of the United States Probation Office for four years.

U.S. Attorney Duncan; Robert Allan Jones, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Pittsburgh; Richard Sanders, Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police; and Todd Kelley, Chief of the Ashland Police Department, jointly made the announcement.

The FBI, KSP, and Ashland Police Department conducted the investigation. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Cynthia T. Rieker.

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