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## **Lexington Man Sentenced To 25 Years For Distributing Fentanyl That Resulted In Death**

**LEXINGTON, Ky.** – Garry Sean Ramone Drake, Jr., 26, of Lexington, was sentenced Friday, by U.S. District Judge Danny C. Reeves, to 300 months in federal prison, following his conviction for distribution of fentanyl resulting in the death of Mason Reppen, 22, on November 30, 2017.

Drake is the second individual convicted of distributing fentanyl that resulted in Mr. Reppen's death. Phillip Clayton Jennings, 23, of Crestwood, Kentucky, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 180 months in prison. Proof gathered during the investigation showed that both defendants were in the chain of distribution for the fentanyl mixture that led to the death. The Lexington Police Department and the DEA jointly investigated the death, which led to the federal charges.

Drake will be required to serve at least 85% of the sentence imposed. Upon his release, he is required to be under supervision by the United States Probation Office for a period of five years.

“Fentanyl and other dangerous drugs continue to devastate our community with tragic outcomes,” said Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky. “We have made the prosecution of overdoses a core priority in our effort to combat this epidemic. We simply must use all the tools available to us to confront this grave problem. Our strong law enforcement partnerships in this District are critical to the effort. We remain committed to investigating and prosecuting these cases to hold those accountable who distribute this poison.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Darrell Christopher Evans, Special Agent in Charge, DEA Louisville; and Lawrence Weathers, Chief, Lexington Police Department, jointly announced the

sentence. Assistant United States Attorney Todd Bradbury prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

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