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## **Cincinnati Man Sentenced to 7 Years in Federal Prison for Heroin and Fentanyl Conspiracy**

**COVINGTON, Ky.** — Dante Marice Martin, 37, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was sentenced on Thursday to 7 years in federal prison by United States District Judge David L. Bunning for conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute heroin, fentanyl and acetyl fentanyl.

Martin previously pleaded guilty and admitted that from May through his arrest in June 2018, he conspired with his co-defendants to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, 40 grams or more of fentanyl, and 10 grams or more of acetyl fentanyl, an analogue of fentanyl. Martin sold these drugs to undercover law enforcement working with the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force on four separate occasions. At the fourth and final undercover sale on June 27, 2018, Martin was arrested immediately after he sold 60 grams of the substance for \$5,100. He had driven from Cincinnati, Ohio to Kenton County, Kentucky, with his girlfriend and three young children in the vehicle to complete the sale.

Under federal law, Martin must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence, and, upon release, will be under the supervision of the United States Probation Office for a term of 5 years.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and Timothy Plancon, Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration made the announcement after the sentencing.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Wade T. Napier.

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