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## **Fayette County Man Sentenced To 78 Months For Fentanyl Trafficking And Firearm Possession**

**LEXINGTON, Ky.** – Phillip Maurice Collins, 42, of Lexington, was sentenced to 78 months in federal prison today, by United States District Judge Danny C. Reeves, for possession with the intent to distribute fentanyl and cocaine, as well as possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

On August 22, 2018, officers and detectives with the Lexington Police Department executed a search warrant on Collins's home in Lexington. During the search, officers located quantities of fentanyl and cocaine possessed by Collins, with the intent to distribute it to other individuals. In addition to the narcotics, officers also located a loaded firearm in Collins's bedroom. Collins had multiple prior felony convictions and was prohibited from possessing a firearm under state and federal law. Collins subsequently plead guilty to all charges, on January 30, 2019.

Under federal law, Collins must serve 85 percent of his sentence. Upon completion of his imprisonment, he will be under the supervision of the United States Probation Office for a period of six years.

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

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