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Versailles Man Pleads Guilty to Trafficking Fentanyl and Heroin

LEXINGTON, Ky. – A Versailles, Ky., man admitted in federal court Monday possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and heroin.

Damon Bristol Hardy, 33, pleaded guilty to possessing with intent to distribute fentanyl and heroin, before Chief United States District Judge Danny C. Reeves. As part of his guilty plea, Hardy confessed that on April 2, 2019, in Woodford County, he possessed and intended to distribute 6.8 grams of a mixture that contained fentanyl and heroin. Hardy also agreed to abandon \$587 in cash and various drug paraphernalia seized from him. Hardy admitted that he threw the object that contained the controlled substances away from his body as he fled police.

Hardy also agreed that he has at least one prior felony drug conviction. According to the plea agreement, Hardy has been convicted for first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (heroin) in Woodford Circuit Court. Due to his serious criminal history, Hardy is subject to an enhanced sentence.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Dan Dodds, Acting Special Agent in Charge, DEA Louisville Field Division; and Chief Mike Murray, Versailles Police Department, jointly announced the guilty plea.

The investigation was directed by the Versailles Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The United States was represented by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney James T. Chapman.

Hardy is scheduled to be sentenced on December 20, 2019, at 10:15 a.m., before Chief Judge Reeves in federal court in Lexington. Based on Hardy's criminal history, he faces up to 30 years in prison, as well as a maximum fine of \$2,000,000. However, any sentence will be imposed by the Court, after consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal sentencing statutes.

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