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Lexington Man Sentenced to 80 Months in Prison for Fentanyl Trafficking

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Eldronte Domonique Washington, of Lexington, was sentenced Monday to 80 months in federal prison, by United States Senior District Judge Joseph M. Hood, for possession with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl.

In December 2018, Lexington Police executed a search warrant on Washington's residence and located 67 grams of fentanyl, multiple baggies, digital scales, three handguns (one stolen, one defaced), and \$4,230 in cash. In his plea agreement, Washington admitted that he intended to distribute the fentanyl and further agreed to forfeit his interest in the handguns and currency. Washington pleaded guilty in May 2019.

Under federal law, Washington must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence and will be under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for four years following his release.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Dan Dodds, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the DEA; and Lawrence Weathers, Chief of the Lexington Police Department, jointly announced the sentence.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Lexington Police Department. The United States was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney David Kiebler.

This case was prosecuted as part of the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force's (OCDETF) Operation Synthetic Opioid Surge (SOS), a Department of Justice initiative designed to target trafficking of dangerous synthetic opioids.

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