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Lexington Man Sentenced to 60 months for Trafficking Fentanyl

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Chris D. Lewis, 49, of Lexington, was sentenced Thursday to 60 months in federal prison, by United States District Judge Karen K. Caldwell, for possession with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl.

According to his plea agreement, in December 2018, Lexington Police officers apprehended Lewis and located 58 grams of fentanyl and 13 grams of methamphetamine in his coat pocket. Lewis further admitted that he intended to distribute the fentanyl to other persons.

Under federal law, Lewis 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; D. Dan Dodds, 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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