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## **Lexington Man Sentenced to 60 Months for Trafficking Acetylfentanyl**

**LEXINGTON, Ky.**— Aaron Antonio Evans, 29, of Lexington, was sentenced to 60 months in federal prison on Thursday, by United States District Judge Karen K. Caldwell, after pleading guilty to trafficking more than 10 grams of acetylfentanyl.

According to Evans' plea agreement, he admitted to trafficking more than 10 grams of acetylfentanyl on February 6, 2019. Acetylfentanyl is an extremely powerful analogue of the opioid fentanyl.

Evans pleaded guilty in June 2019.

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

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

The investigation was conducted by the ATF and Lexington Police Department. The United States was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney David C. 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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