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Lexington Man Sentenced to 80 Months for Drug Trafficking and Firearm Offense

LEXINGTON, Ky. - A Lexington, Ky., man, Andrew Maurice King, 29, was sentenced in federal court on Monday, to 80 months in prison, by Chief U.S. District Judge Danny Reeves, for trafficking 10 grams or more of valeryl fentanyl and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

According to his plea agreement, King admitted that on May 30, 2019, Lexington Police Department officers found significant quantities of marijuana, oxycodone, fentanyl, and valeryl fentanyl; approximately \$2,900 in cash; scales and packaging; and a Romarm SKS rifle, in his residence. King admitted that he possessed the valeryl fentanyl with the intent to distribute and that he was a convicted felon, prohibiting him from possessing the firearm.

King pleaded guilty in May 2020.

Under federal law, King must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence. Upon his release, he will be under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office for three years.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Jeffrey Todd Scott, Special Agent in Charge for the Drug Enforcement Administration, Louisville Field Division; and Chief Lawrence Weathers, Lexington Police Department, jointly announced the guilty plea.

The investigation was conducted by the DEA and Lexington Police Department. The U.S. Attorney's Office 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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