

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO

State of Ohio,

Case No. 24-CRM-121

Plaintiff

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VS.

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NEGOTIATED PLEA AGREEMENT

Taylor L. Lautzenheiser, *John W. Johnson*
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Defendant.

Pursuant to Criminal Rule 11, the following plea negotiations have taken place between the State of Ohio and Defendant through defense counsel, Kevin Darnell.

1. Defendant was charged with the following offense(s):

<u>Count</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Charges/Specifications</u>
1.	F5	2925.03(A)(1), 2925.03(C)(9)(a): Trafficking in a Fentanyl-Related Compound
2.	F5	2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(11)(a): Possession of a Fentanyl-Related Compound
3.	F1	2903.04(A), 2903.04(C): Involuntary Manslaughter
4.	F2	2925.02(A)(3), 2925.02(C)(1): Corrupting Another With Drugs
5.	F5	2925.03(A)(1), 2925.03(C)(9)(a): Trafficking in a Fentanyl-Related Compound
6.	F5	2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(11)(a): Possession of a Fentanyl-Related Compound

2. Defendant enters a plea of guilty to the following offense(s):

<u>Count</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Charges/Specifications</u>
3.	F1	2903.04(A), 2903.04(C): Involuntary Manslaughter
5.	F5	2925.03(A)(1), 2925.03(C)(9)(a): Trafficking in a Fentanyl-Related Compound

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3. The State of Ohio dismisses the following offense(s):

<u>Count</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Charges/Specifications</u>
1.	F5	2925.03(A)(1), 2925.03(C)(9)(a): Trafficking in a Fentanyl-Related Compound
2.	F5	2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(11)(a): Possession of a Fentanyl-Related Compound
4.	F2	2925.02(A)(3), 2925.02(C)(1): Corrupting Another With Drugs
6.	F5	2925.11(A), 2925.11(C)(11)(a): Possession of a Fentanyl-Related Compound

MAXIMUM PENALTY. Defendant understands that the maximum penalty for each offense to which a guilty plea is entered is as follows:

<u>Count</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Charges/Specifications</u>
3.	F1	2903.04(A), 2903.04(C): Involuntary Manslaughter

	Potential	Mandatory
Prison:	3-4.5 years, 4-6 years, 5-7.5 years, 6-9 years, 7-10.5 years, 8-12 years, 9-13.5 years, 10-15 years, 11-16.5 years	
Fine:	\$0.00 to \$20,000.00	
Driver's License:		

<u>Count</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Charges/Specifications</u>
5.	F5	2925.03(A)(1), 2925.03(C)(9)(a): Trafficking in a Fentanyl-Related Compound

	Potential	Mandatory
Prison:	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 mos.	N/A
Fine:	0 - 2,500	N/A
Driver's License:	0 - 5 yrs.	N/A

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4. Defendant agrees to the following conditions:

- Agreed recommended sentence of 5 – 7.5 years in prison on Count 3, 11 months in prison on Count 5, to run concurrently to each other for a total stated prison term of 5 – 7.5 years.
- Defendant agrees to NOT seek judicial release.
- State agrees, through the Mercer County Probation Department, for Defendant to be terminated unsuccessfully from CCSV in Mercer County Case No. 24-CRM-004.

PRISON TERMS. Defendant understands that even if consecutive sentences are not mandatory, the Court may impose prison terms in this case consecutively to one another, and consecutively to prison terms imposed in any other case and by any other court.

COURT COSTS, FINES, AND RESTITUTION. Defendant understands that court costs, fines, and restitution may be imposed by the Court.

SUPERVISION. Defendant understands that if Defendant is now on probation, parole, under a community control sanction, and/or under post-release control from prison, this plea may result in revocation proceedings, and any new sentence imposed in connection with such revocation proceedings could be imposed consecutively to the sentence handed down by this Court.

POST RELEASE CONTROL. A period of supervision by the Adult Parole Authority after release from prison may be mandatory in this case. Defendant understands that if Defendant is sentenced to prison for a felony sex offense, Defendant will have a mandatory period of post-release control of 5 years. If Defendant is sentenced to prison for a felony 1, Defendant will have a mandatory period of post-release control of up to 5 years but not less than 2 years. If Defendant is sentenced to prison for a felony 2, Defendant will have a mandatory period of post-release control of up to 3 years but not less than 18 months. If Defendant is sentenced to prison for a felony 3 offense of violence that is not a sex offense, Defendant will have a mandatory period of post-release control of up to 3 years but not less than 1 year. If Defendant is sentenced to prison for a felony 3 that is not an offense of violence or a sex offense, a felony 4, or a felony 5, Defendant may be given up to 2 years of post-release control. Post-release control supervision is administered by the Adult Parole Authority pursuant to R.C. 2967.28. If Defendant violates conditions of supervision while under post-release control, the Parole Board could return Defendant to prison for up to nine months for each violation, for a total of ½ of the originally stated prison term. If the violation is a new felony, Defendant could receive a prison term of the greater of one year or the time remaining on post-release control, imposed consecutively to the prison term for the new felony.

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COMMUNITY CONTROL. If this Court is not required by law to impose a prison sanction, it may impose community control sanctions or non-prison sanctions upon Defendant. Defendant understands that if Defendant violates the terms or conditions of a community control sanction, the Court may extend the time for which Defendant is subject to this sanction, up to a maximum of 5 years, AND/OR impose a more restrictive sanction, OR imprison Defendant for up to the maximum stated term allowed for the offense(s), as set out

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above.

SENTENCING. Defendant understands that the Court may either sentence Defendant today or refer Defendant's case for a pre-sentence investigation.

APPEAL. Defendant understands Defendant's right to appeal a maximum sentence, Defendant's other limited appellate rights, and that any appeal must be filed within 30 days of Defendant's sentence.

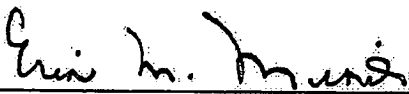
CITIZENSHIP STATUS. Defendant understands the potential consequences of a conviction if Defendant is not a U.S. citizen, including, but not limited to, deportation.

FEDERAL FIREARM PROHIBITION. Defendant understands that, under federal law, persons convicted of felonies can never lawfully possess a firearm. Defendant understands that if Defendant is ever found with a firearm, even one belonging to someone else, Defendant may be prosecuted by federal authorities and subject to imprisonment for several years.


This Negotiated Plea Agreement represents all agreements made between the parties and no other agreements have been made. All appropriate agreements are included and if not included, they do not apply. Defendant is hereby entering this plea agreement knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily.

APPROVED BY:

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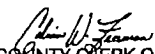


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