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Canton man sentenced to 10 years in prison for trafficking meth
State vs. James Richard Fain

August 4, 2023 – Cherokee County District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that, on June 21, 2023, James Richard Fain, 42, of Canton, entered a negotiated guilty plea to trafficking methamphetamine and possession of cocaine. Fain was then sentenced to 30 years, with the first 10 years to serve in prison and the remainder to serve on probation. Special conditions of probation include community service, no alcohol or drug use, no firearms, and payment of fines.

“By distributing and trafficking illicit drugs in our community and elsewhere, James Fain has shown a flagrant disregard of the law,” said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. “Our Office is committed to holding all drug dealers accountable. This sentence ensures that this defendant will be off our streets for many years, unable to spread this poison in our community.”

Charges stem from a Cherokee Multi-Agency Narcotics Squad (CMANS) investigation that began with a traffic stop. At 4 p.m. on March 2, 2022, a Cherokee Sheriff’s Office deputy pulled over a black Kia Optima when the driver, later identified as Fain, failed to maintain his lane while driving north on I-575.

After the deputy noticed the odor of raw marijuana coming out of the vehicle, CMANS agents conducted a search, during which they found methamphetamine, cocaine, and marijuana in multiple baggies inside the vehicle and in the pocket of Fain’s jeans. The total weight of the methamphetamine was 100.8 grams.

“At the time of his arrest, this defendant had in his possession enough methamphetamine to dose over 100 people. He also admitted to the narcotics agents that the drugs inside the vehicle were his and that he intended to sell them,” said Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State. “Thanks to the excellent work of CMANS agents, those drugs never made their way onto our streets and this defendant was prosecuted for his crimes.”

This case was investigated by Cherokee Multi-Agency Narcotics Squad and the Cherokee Sheriff’s Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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