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Kaukauna Man Sentenced to Lengthy Prison Sentence for Role in Four Heroin and Fentanyl Overdoses

APPLETON, Wis. – Attorney General Josh Kaul announced that on May 20, 2019, Leslie A. Brown was sentenced by Outagamie County Circuit Court Judge Mitchell Metropulos to 15 years of initial confinement and ten years of extended supervision for First Degree Reckless Homicide (Len Bias). Brown pled no contest on March 11, 2019 and was sentenced on May 20.

“As this case shows, the Wisconsin criminal justice system will not go easy on drug dealers preying on those struggling with addiction,” said Attorney General Kaul.

District Attorney Melinda Tempelis said, “The opioid crisis continues to have a devastating impact on individuals, children, families and community members throughout our county. The Outagamie County District Attorney’s Office, along with the Department of Justice and our partners in law enforcement remain committed to addressing the sale and delivery of illegal drugs that put our citizens at risk.”

In late 2015, the Fox Valley Metro Police Department, Kaukauna Police Department and Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group – Drug Unit (LWAM) jointly investigated three heroin and/or fentanyl overdose saves and one heroin and fentanyl overdose death in the area. Investigators identified Leslie A. Brown as the source of illicit drugs for all four victims, and undercover investigators executed an operation to purchase heroin from Brown. Following the undercover investigation, law enforcement executed a search warrant at Brown’s residence in Kaukauna. Investigators located 11.3 grams of heroin/fentanyl and 3.5 grams of marijuana.

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LWAM is led by the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI).

Assistant Attorney General Peter A. Hahn prosecuted this case jointly with Assistant District Attorney Christine Bruen of the Outagamie County District Attorney's Office. Regional assistant attorneys general, like Hahn, were funded through 2017 Wisconsin Act 261, to assist district attorneys in prosecuting drug-related offenses.

Relevant court filings are attached.