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Drug Kingpin Sentenced for Role in Criminal Organization that Distributed Large Amounts of Fentanyl and Was Responsible for Multiple Overdoses throughout Maryland and Surrounding Areas

BALTIMORE, MD (January 26, 2023) – Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown today announced the plea and sentencing of Darvin Kevin McCoy, 36, of Odenton, Maryland, on charges including drug kingpin and supervision of a criminal organization, which relate to a long-term investigation into a fentanyl distribution ring that was operating in Howard County, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County.

On January 23, 2023, McCoy pled guilty before Judge Stephanie P. Porter of the Howard County Circuit Court to several charges, including drug kingpin, supervision of a criminal organization, conspiracy to commit robbery, solicitation of robbery, illegal possession of a regulated firearm, possession of a firearm with nexus to a drug trafficking crime, possession of a large amount of fentanyl mixture, and two counts of distribution of fentanyl. The robbery charges pertained to McCoy's role in the robbery of money, drugs, and jewelry of a co-conspirator as a sanction for transgressions against the criminal organization. McCoy was sentenced to 20 years of incarceration without the possibility of parole.

The case began as an investigation by Howard County Police into a non-fatal opioid overdose that occurred in their jurisdiction. The continued investigation led by the Attorney General's Organized Crime Unit, the Howard County Police Department, and the Strike Force 7 Group, led by the Maryland State Police linked the overdose to as many as six additional overdoses that occurred throughout Maryland and Virginia, including at least one fatal overdose. During the investigation, police seized more than one kilogram of fentanyl and six handguns. Detectives observed hundreds of hand-to-hand drug transactions in multiple jurisdictions and intercepted communications that confirmed the distribution of large amounts of fentanyl throughout Maryland.

Darvin McCoy is one of six defendants [charged in this investigation](#). On November 22, 2022, another defendant, Jawan Markeys Fulton, 28, of Baltimore, pled guilty before Judge William V. Tucker of the Circuit Court for Howard County to supervision of a criminal organization, conspiracy to commit robbery, possession of a firearm with nexus to a drug trafficking crime, possession of a large amount of fentanyl, and distribution of fentanyl. Fulton was sentenced to 20 years of incarceration, suspending all but five years to be served without the possibility of parole,

and three years of supervised probation. Charges are still pending for the remaining four co-defendants.

In making today's announcement, Attorney General Brown thanked Organized Crime Chief Katie Dorian, Assistant Attorney General Paul Halliday, Assistant Attorney General Krystle Sanders, Assistant Attorney General Shannon Price, the Howard County Police Department, the Strike Force 7 Group, led by the Maryland State Police, and the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office. Attorney General Brown also thanked the Baltimore City Police Department, State's Attorney for Howard County Rich H. Gibson, Jr., and State's Attorney for Baltimore County Scott Shellenberger for their assistance in this investigation.

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