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Cleveland Man Sentenced to Seven Years in Connection with Heroin Death

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, April 26, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Gary Mathews, 25, of East 135th Street in Cleveland, pled guilty to providing heroin to a 25-year-old-Cuyahoga Falls man who died after taking the drug.

Mathews pled guilty to the following charges:

- Involuntary Manslaughter – a felony of the 1st degree
- Trafficking in Heroin – a felony of the 5th degree

Following his guilty plea, Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Tom Teodosio sentenced Mathews to seven years in prison.

In early August of 2015, 25-year-old Jordan Gerycz was found unconscious in his father’s Cuyahoga Falls home. After an investigation by Cuyahoga Falls police, Mathews admitted to selling Jordan the heroin.

“Gary Mathews preyed on the weak and caused the death of another. He profited by feeding someone’s addiction,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Jordan’s family has to deal with a lifetime of grief and pain. We will continue to hold accountable each and every drug dealer for their actions.”

Mathews has a long criminal history, and has previously served time in prison for robbery and drug trafficking charges. During the investigation, Mathews told police that he had been selling drugs since he was 11-years-old.