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## Anthony Barnes sentenced to 18 years for dealing and possession of narcotics

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Anthony Barnes has been sentenced to 18 years for dealing and possession of narcotics. In August, Barnes was found guilty of Dealing in Methamphetamine (Level 2 Felony), two counts of Dealing in a Narcotic Drug (Level 2 and Level 3 Felonies), Possession of Methamphetamine (Level 3 Felony), and three counts of Possession of a Narcotic Drug (Level 3 and Level 5 Felonies). Barnes was also found guilty of the Habitual Sentencing Enhancement. He was convicted after a two-day jury trial.

On Aug. 21, 2020, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officers initiated a traffic stop on a Barnes' vehicle for an expired registration. Simultaneously, IMPD SWAT executed a search warrant at a residence in the 5000 block of Emerson Court. During the search, detectives discovered numerous items consistent with narcotic distribution and sales.

The Indianapolis-Marion County Forensic Services Agency identified the following substances recovered from the residence: marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin, Hydrocodone, and Fentanyl.

Far too often, we are seeing individuals losing their lives to substance use disorder, I commend law enforcement and the deputy prosecutors for securing justice in this case, and the defendant will no longer bring harm to our community