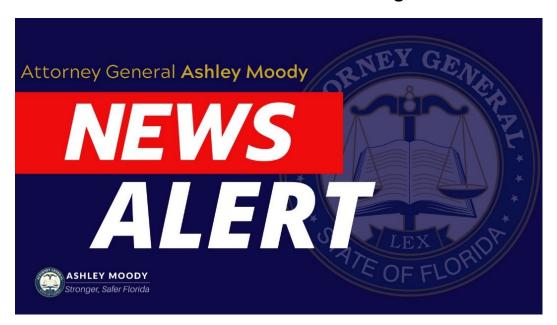
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Attorney General Moody's Statewide Prosecutors Charge Fentanyl Dealer with Manslaughter



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution is charging a drug dealer peddling fentanyl along the Treasure Coast with manslaughter. According to the investigation, Sean Lamont Bray knowingly sold fentanyl and cocaine to a female for more than six months. Bray knew the woman was an addict and sold her lethal amounts of fentanyl that caused her overdose death.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "This drug dealer knowingly sold lethal amounts of fentanyl to a woman that ultimately resulted in her death. Every drug trafficker should know, in Florida, if you traffic fentanyl and kill someone, you will be held accountable.

Martin County Sheriff William Snyder said, "The fentanyl crisis continues to plague our county much like it has throughout our country. As this crisis rages, so does our relentless efforts to stop it. This latest arrest is proof that we will not rest until every last bit of this deadly drug and those who push it, are off our streets."

"Illicit fentanyl is killing more than 70,000 Americans every year, and we have warned time and time again that just one pill can kill. So please, if you are struggling with addiction, I urge you to get help."

When questioned by Martin County Sheriff's Office detectives, Bray admitted his primary source of income was selling crack cocaine and fentanyl—making approximately \$500 a day selling illicit drugs. Bray also admitted to knowing the female used fentanyl regularly. Further evidence gathered during the investigation revealed that the female traveled from her home in Palm City to Bray's residence in West Palm Beach, where Bray sold her cocaine and fentanyl the day of the overdose. An examination of Bray's phone post-arrest confirmed contact with the female and numerous drug sales.

Bray faces one count of manslaughter, three counts of sale of fentanyl and three counts of sale of cocaine—all second-degree felonies; and two counts of unlawful use of a two-way communication device, a third-degree felony. MCSO investigated the case and the Attorney General's OSP will prosecute the case.

It is important for people struggling with substance abuse to seek help. To inform Floridians about the dangers of opioid misuse, Attorney General Moody developed the Dose of Reality Florida website. Dose of Reality Florida contains information about how to receive support for addiction and where to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs. To learn more about Dose of Reality Florida, click here.

In 2022, Attorney General Moody helped launch Treatment Atlas, a free treatment-locater tool that can be accessed at <u>TreatmentAtlas.org</u>. Floridians struggling with addiction can use the tool to find local treatment services.

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