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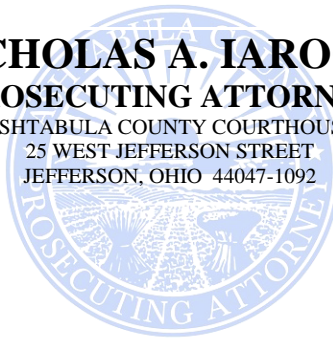
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PLEA OF GUILTY AND SENTENCE INVOLVING DRUG OVERDOSE

On July 12, 2019, **Heather L. Harless** pled guilty to the following two charges in the courtroom of Ashtabula County Common Pleas Judge Marianne Sezon:

1. **Involuntary Manslaughter**, a first degree felony; and
2. **Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs**, a fourth degree felony.

These convictions stem from the drug overdose death of Keri A. Vickery on June 1, 2018 in Harpersfield Township. Harless personally sold and distributed Fentanyl to Ms. Vickery which caused Vickery's death. Toxicology results revealed a lethal amount of Fentanyl in Ms. Vickery's blood at the time of her death, and the Ashtabula County Coroner ruled the cause of death as a Fentanyl overdose and classified the death as a homicide.

As part of the plea agreement, the remaining charges in the indictment were dismissed by the State of Ohio and the parties stipulated to a six-year prison sentence. On September 6, 2019, Judge Marianne Sezon followed the stipulated agreement and sentenced Harless to six years in prison.

I would like to extend our sincerest condolences to the family of Ms. Vickery, and our appreciation to the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department and the Ashtabula County Heroin Overdose Task Force for their dedicated and commendable work in investigating this case.

Very truly yours,

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