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**DETROIT MAN SENTENCED TO 24-29 YEARS IN PRISON
FOLLOWING 3 DAY JURY TRIAL**

A 29-year-old man was sentenced to 24-29 years in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections following a three-day jury trial in front of Judge Mark Kuhn at the Scioto County Court of Common Pleas concluding on March 30, 2023. Israel Lee Crumpton, of Detroit, Michigan, was initially charged with a fourteen-count indictment in August 2021, which included four Major Drug Offender level counts. Twelve of the original fourteen counts were presented to the jury at trial. Following approximately three hours of deliberations, the jury convicted Mr. Crumpton of all twelve counts, including the four Major Drug Offender charges.

On August 2, 2021, troopers with the Ohio Highway Patrol stopped a rental vehicle travelling south on US 23 in which Israel Lee Crumpton was the front seat passenger. Following a probable cause search of the vehicle, a large amount of drugs, primarily consisting of Fentanyl and Heroin, were discovered in the trunk. Also found was Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Oxycodone, Marijuana, and Amphetamine tablets. The drugs in this case had an estimated value in excess of \$65,000. Evidence received at trial indicated that the drugs were bound for Southeast Ohio where they were to be later distributed/sold.

The State of Ohio presented six witnesses at trial and the case was presented by Chief Assistant Prosecutor Julie Cooke-Hutchinson and Assistant Prosecutor Matt Loesch. Mr. Crumpton was represented by Columbus, Ohio attorney W. Jeffrey Moore. On behalf of the

Scioto County Prosecutor's Office, Mr. Tieman once again extends its thanks to the diligent efforts of our Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers for their efforts in this case and their continuing work combatting criminal activity on our local roads. The Scioto County Prosecutor's Office also extends its thanks to the Scioto County Sheriff's Office and Portsmouth Police Department for their assistance in this case. "The efforts by law enforcement in this case prevented a vast amount of incredibly dangerous narcotics from reaching the streets of Southern Ohio and its importance cannot be overstated. These narcotics are nothing less than weapons of mass destruction, ruining the lives of our citizens on a daily basis," said Mr. Tieman.