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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Janesville, WI – The Rock County District Attorney's Office announced that David Steptoe, age 49, was found guilty in Rock County Circuit Court Cases 21CF1014 and 23CF65, of 1st Degree Reckless Homicide by Delivery of Drugs and Possession of Fentanyl with Intent to Deliver. Steptoe sold a 41-year-old man fentanyl which resulted in overdose and death. Steptoe also sold drugs to multiple people, and when he was arrested, he possessed cocaine and fentanyl.

At the hearing held October 25, 2024, Judge Derrick Grubb sentenced Steptoe to 32 years in the Wisconsin State Prison System, comprised of 22 years of initial confinement followed by 10 years of extended supervision.

Because Steptoe's drug dealing reached throughout the county, his arrests came after significant work from the Beloit Police Department, Janesville Police Department, and the Rock County Sheriff's Department. We would like to acknowledge the efforts of law enforcement in conducting extensive investigation into Steptoe's drug activities, and the families of those involved for addressing the court and providing victim impact statements.

Our office believes that the case highlights how, through collaboration with our community and all our law enforcement agencies, the criminal justice system can address the sale of dangerous drugs in our communities. Assistant District Attorney David Zarwell prosecuted the case for the State of Wisconsin.

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