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APPELLATE COURT AFFIRMS CONVICTIONS IN TWO SEPARATE DEALING IN A NARCOTIC DRUG RESULTING IN DEATH CASES

Muncie Indiana – Earlier today, the Indiana Court of Appeals rejected Jessica Campbell (DOB 1/6/1988) and Mya Moody's (DOB 6/12/1989) separate appeals to overturn their convictions for Dealing in a Narcotic Drug Resulting in Death.

On January 4, 2022 a Delaware County jury deliberated for a little under two hours before convicting Jessica Campbell of Dealing in a Controlled

Substance Resulting in Death. The evidence at trial demonstrated that the victim had asked Campbell to sell her heroin but instead of heroin, the victim received a lethal dose of fentanyl. The victim, who was eight months pregnant, later died as a result of an overdose of fentanyl. Her eight month old fetus also died. This marks the first time in Delaware County history that a drug dealer has been held criminally accountable for killing another person by illegally selling narcotics. On March 31, 2022, Judge Kimberly S. Dowling sentenced Campbell to 40 years in prison. Chief Deputy Prosecutor Zach Craig said "we are dealing with a cold-blooded hearted drug dealer who has no concern for what



Jessica Campbell

bodies lay in the wake of her decisions and actions." In imposing the maximum sentence of 40 years, Judge Dowling stated that "this crime cries out for the maximum sentence."

On May 26, 2022, a Delaware County jury deliberated for approximately an hour and thirty minutes before convicting Mya Moody of: Dealing in a Controlled

Substance Resulting in Death, a Level 1 Felony. The evidence at trial demonstrated that in October of 2021 was arrested and taken to the Delaware County Jail. At the time of her arrest, she hid heroin in a body cavity. After Moody was booked into the jail, she dealt the heroin inside the jail block to various other inmates including 37-year old Dianna Rose Pace who later died of acute fentanyl intoxication. The jury also found the defendant to be an habitual offender. Moody has prior convictions for robbery, a Class C felony and dealing in Dealing in a Lookalike Substance, a class B felony. During the sentencing



Mya Moody

hearing held June 15, 2022, Chief Deputy Prosecutor Zach Craig told the Court that Moody is "a human hurricane causing destruction in her path." Judge Marianne Vorhees sentenced Moody to 40 years in prison.

After the Appellate decisions were handed down, Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney Eric Hoffman said "I am proud of my Chief Deputy Prosecutor Zach Craig for his hard work and dedication to these cases. Our office takes dealing resulting in death very seriously and we will continue to enforce the statute by prosecuting the offenders. These convictions should send a crystal clear message to drug dealers: if you deal narcotics in Delaware County and your customer overdoses and dies, you will be prosecuted and you will be held accountable. Stop preying on vulnerable addicts and stop selling your poison in our community."