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Woman sentenced for drug deal leading to fatal overdose

(Muncie Indiana) – Today, Judge Thomas A. Cannon Jr. sentenced Rachele Tucker to five years in prison. In December, Tucker pled guilty to Dealing in a narcotic Drug, a Level 5 Felony. Tucker sold heroin laced with fentanyl to Dustin Rhodes who ingested the heroin and subsequently overdosed and died. In sentencing Tucker, Judge Thomas A. Cannon Jr. said that Tucker "sold a lethal mixture of drugs that led to Rhoades' death and when the Muncie man quickly began to show signs of an overdose, she took no action to obtain medical help, instead insisting a co-defendant in the case take him off of her property."



To anyone who thinks that drug dealing is not a "crime of violence," you needn't look farther than the facts of this case which conclusively demonstrate that selling poison in our community is a crime a violence. Tucker's crime was committed before the Indiana General Assembly enacted the "Dealing in a Controlled Substance Resulting in Death" statute. Now, a person who knowingly or intentionally manufactures or delivers a controlled substance that results in the death of a person who used the controlled substance commits a level 1 Felony which is punishable by 20 to 40 years in prison. Drug dealers like Tucker must be held accountable for the lives that they destroy.

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