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## **District Attorney's Office Secures Conviction in Important Fentanyl Case**

January 28, 2025 – Ringgold, GA – On January 15, 2025 the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit District's Attorney's Office secured a conviction of Samantha Shea Leamon of 122 Ann Drive, Rossville, Catoosa County, Georgia for Possession of Fentanyl with the Intent to Distribute. Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid responsible for a significant number of overdose deaths in the four counties of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit and the United States.

On April 11, 2024 officers from Department of Community Supervision (DCS), Catoosa County Sheriff's Office, and Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) West Metro Drug Enforcement Office visited probationer Samantha Shea Leamon at her residence. Leamon had 3.642 grams of fentanyl powder along with her state-issued identification card in a bag in her bathroom.

A trial was held from January 14-15, 2025 and Leamon was convicted by a jury of Possession of Fentanyl with Intent to Distribute. Chief Judge Brian M. House sentenced Leamon to serve ten years in the Georgia Department of Corrections followed by twenty years on probation.

The case was presented by Senior Assistant District Attorney Beth Evans with assistance from Chief Investigator Christy Smith and Administrative Assistants Rachel Moon and Jennifer Jackson. The case was investigated by Catoosa County Sheriff's Office Detective Chris Lyons with assistance from GBI Special Agent Stephen Pendergrass and DCS Officer Alex Barbee.

Leamon was already serving the balance of her probation in case number 2023-SU-CR-75 in the Georgia Department of Corrections. Leamon was on probation in that case for Possession of Clonazolam.

District Attorney Clayton M. Fuller praised the work of the Catoosa County Sheriff's Office, DCS, and the GBI in providing his office a strong case. "We have dedicated public servants at all of our sheriff's offices, at probation, and with the GBI—we always appreciate their hard work on fentanyl cases. We have lost far too many lives to fentanyl. So let this conviction be a warning: if you intend to deal this deadly poison, we will find you, and we will bring you to justice."

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