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**ELKTON WOMAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR
POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE FENTANYL**

ELKTON – On June 21, 2021, Sonya Blevins from Elkton was sentenced to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges of possession with intent to distribute fentanyl.

On February 22, 2021, Deputies with the Cecil County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of Irishtown Road in North East, Maryland after being dispatched to a multi-vehicle collision. Employees of the Cecil County Roads Division were plowing Irishtown Road when the vehicle collided with the plow truck; Blevins was the passenger of said vehicle. The county employees reported to Deputies that shortly after the collision, they observed Blevins run into the wood-line carrying a plastic bag. Deputy Alyson Jackson followed the direction in which Blevins ran and recovered the plastic bag. Subsequent testing revealed that the bag contained 102 zip lock baggies of fentanyl. Upon apprehension, Blevins was transported to the hospital where she was found to have more drugs concealed on her person. In an interview with police, Blevins revealed her intent was to smuggle the confiscated drugs into the Cecil County Detention Center for resale.

At the time of her arrest, Blevins was serving a one-year sentence for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine but was granted compassionate release to attend her grandmother's funeral.

Maryland Sentencing Guidelines recommended a sentence between 12 and 20 years. Assistant State's Attorney, Jetta Alberts recommended 20 years, suspend all but 15 years of active incarceration followed by three years of supervised probation upon release. Cecil County Circuit Court Judge Brenda Sexton imposed the State's recommendation and ordered the sentence to be served in the Division of Corrections consecutively with any other sentence.