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**PERRYVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS FOR
DRUG POSSESSION AND GUN CHARGES**

ELKTON- Tuesday, March 1, 2022, Jesse Cogdell was sentenced for Possession with the Intent to Distribute Cocaine and related gun charges including Illegal Possession of a handgun. On January 28, 2021, police arrived at 200 Chestnut Point Road in Perryville to serve a search warrant on the Defendant. Cogdell was uncooperative with the police and attempted to destroy evidence. Despite this, the home was ultimately searched in which police found Cocaine, various other drugs, a handgun and a shotgun. Cogdell is prohibited from gun ownership for a drug conviction in federal court for which he was still on probation at the time of this incident.

On October 27, 2021, a Cecil County jury found the Defendant guilty of Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Belbuca, Possession of Fentanyl, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Testosterone Gel, Regulated Firearm Illegal Possession, Illegal Possession of Ammunition, and Destruction of Evidence. The sentencing guidelines for these offenses were between 5 and 8 years to serve.

Based on the risk to public safety, the State requested a top of the guidelines sentence of 20 years suspend all but 8 years to serve. The State also requested 3 years of supervised probation along with drug treatment and forfeiture of the money and weapons seized. Cecil County Circuit Court Administrative Judge Keith A. Baynes sentenced the Defendant to a sentence of 7 years to serve in the Division of Corrections. Additionally, the Honorable Judge Baynes declined to place the Defendant on probation and ordered the weapons and money to be forfeited.

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