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Cornelius woman sentenced to over 6 years in prison for trafficking fentanyl

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A Cornelius woman will spend over 6 years in prison after she pled guilty to trafficking fentanyl during an administrative court session led by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Felony Crimes Team.

The proceedings took place on July 8, 2024, and were held in courtroom 5310 before The Honorable David H. Strickland, Superior Court Judge.

Tina Alexander, 46, pled guilty to 1) trafficking level II in opium or heroin and 2) possession of a schedule II controlled substance with the intent to manufacture, sell, or deliver. Judge Strickland sentenced Alexander to 90-120 months in prison and ordered her to pay a \$100,000 fine for the trafficking charge. For the second charge, Alexander was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison to run consecutive to the first sentence; that sentence was suspended pending her completion of 24 months of supervised probation. She was given credit for 390 days served.

On January 20, 2023, investigators with the Cornelius Police Department executed a search warrant at Tina Alexander's Cornelius residence. There they seized 183 fentanyl pills, along with over 16 grams of methamphetamine and 22 grams of marijuana. Alexander and her co-defendant, Matthew Dominguez, were both arrested for crimes related to this incident.

On June 14, 2023, officers with the Cornelius Police Department executed another search warrant at Alexander's residence, while she and Dominguez were out of custody awaiting trial. Detectives seized approximately 900 fentanyl pills and 10 grams of fentanyl powder.

Over the course of their investigation, detectives learned that Alexander was selling fentanyl pills for \$10 each and single doses of methamphetamine for \$5 each.

Matthew Dominguez was previously convicted in connection with the crimes.

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