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Ambridge Man Pleads Guilty to Possessing Fentanyl

PITTSBURGH - A former resident of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge of possession with intent to 40 grams or more of fentanyl, United States Attorney Cindy K. Chung announced today.

Michael Gamble, age 37, pleaded guilty to one count before United States District Judge Christy Criswell Wiegand.

In connection with the guilty plea, the court was advised that on Dec. 10, 2020, law enforcement executed a search warrant upon Gamble's residence. Law enforcement encountered Gamble sitting on a couch in the basement. A search of Gamble's person resulted in the seizure of fentanyl and over \$2,500.00. Between a cushion on a couch where Gamble was seated, law enforcement recovered a loaded handgun with an attached extended magazine. In a hidden compartment in the basement, officers recovered additional fentanyl. In total, law enforcement seized about approximately 90 grams of fentanyl.

Judge Wiegand scheduled sentencing for Feb. 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.. The law provides for a total sentence of life in prison, a fine of \$8,000,000 or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Pending sentencing, the court remanded Gamble into the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Assistant United States Attorney Brendan J. McKenna is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

The Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General and the Drug Enforcement Administration conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Gamble.

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