

Lansing man sentenced in teen's fentanyl overdose death

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A 20-year-old man from Lansing, Kansas, has been sentenced on a charge stemming from the fentanyl overdose death of a teen who used Snapchat to obtain the drug.

A judge sentenced Torin Michael Baughman to 155 months in prison during a Friday, January 3, 2025 sentencing hearing.

During a plea hearing on Nov. 22, 2024, Torin Michael Baughman pleaded guilty to a single count of **Distribution of a Controlled Substance Causing Death – to wit, fentanyl**. The court accepted the plea and found him guilty. The charge relates to the January 18, 2023, death of N.C.B. (DOB: x/x/2007), a 15-year-old Leavenworth County teen.

Leavenworth County Sheriff's deputies arrested Baughman on March 20, 2024, after the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) obtained an arrest warrant.

According to court documents, multiple law enforcement agencies, including the KBI and the U.S. Secret Service, investigated the crime. Using Life360 data, investigators placed Baughman near N.C.B.'s home on the night of the overdose death. During an examination of N.C.B.'s iPhone, a Network Intrusion Forensic Analyst with the Secret Service extracted data from the iPhone and found a Snapchat conversation between Baughman and N.C.B. Through the investigation, it was shown that Baughman did provide N.C.B. a pill that was "sprayed" with fentanyl. Law enforcement was able to connect the death of N.C.B. to the fentanyl that Baughman provided. An autopsy was conducted, and the results confirmed N.C.B.'s cause of death was a fentanyl overdose.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson stated, "This tragic incident resulted in the loss of a 15-year-old boy who was a student, a son, and a valued member of our community. My thoughts and prayers are with the victim's family, who maintained communication with my office throughout this process." Thompson continued, "I'm pleased that justice prevailed, but the fight isn't over. When we see cases involving someone who died due to an overdose, it's too easy to blame the user. We need to hold the dealer, and their provider accountable. Addiction is real; it grabs hold of someone, and it's tough for that person to let go. Now, we have a substance that can kill the first time it's taken. It's dangerous, and everyone needs to be aware."