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Two Men Sentenced for Fentanyl Trafficking

United States Attorney Richard G. Frohling of the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced that two men were sentenced for fentanyl trafficking in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Senior United States District Judge William C. Griesbach issued the following sentences:

Name	Residence	Date Sentenced	Prison Sentence
Jabari O. Samuel (age: 42)	Milwaukee, WI	January 6, 2022	15 years
Anthony C. Martinez (age: 32)	Manitowoc, WI	December 20, 2021	9.5 years

Samuel and Martinez were both convicted of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl. Samuel was also convicted of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense.

According to court documents, the investigation revealed that over the course of approximately two months in the summer of 2021, Martinez obtained fentanyl from Samuel every other day and transported the fentanyl to Manitowoc for further distribution. In total, Martinez obtained approximately one kilogram (2.2 pounds) of fentanyl from Samuel. On June 21, 2021, investigators executed a search warrant at Samuel's residence in Milwaukee and located approximately 1.7 kilograms (3.7 pounds) of fentanyl, a Ruger LCR .380 firearm, and approximately \$17,023 cash. Samuel and Martinez both have several prior convictions for drug trafficking offenses.

This case was investigated by the Manitowoc Metro Drug Unit. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Alexander E. Duros.

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