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MEDIA RELEASE

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RE: Sentencing of Alexander L. Manuel

(Bel Air, Maryland) - Albert J. Peisinger, Jr., State's Attorney for Harford County, announced today the sentencing of Alexander L. Manuel, 27, Edgewood, Maryland, for two (2) counts of distribution of heroin and two (2) counts of distribution of fentanyl.

Manuel was convicted by a jury on May 30, 2019. The case involved the undercover purchases of drugs from the Defendant on two separate dates. The first sale of heroin and fentanyl occurred on April 5, 2018 in the 700 block of Edgewood Road, Edgewood, Maryland. The second sale of heroin and fentanyl occurred on April 10, 2018 in the 1300 block of Clover Valley Way, Edgewood, Maryland.

Following today's sentencing hearing, the Honorable Kevin J. Mahoney imposed a total sentence of eighty (80) years with all but fifty (50) years suspended. The Defendant will be on five (5) years of supervised probation when he is released.

"This sentence should serve as a warning to all those who peddle heroin and fentanyl on our streets and in our neighborhoods," said Harford County State's Attorney Albert J. Peisinger, "our office, along with our law enforcement partners, will do everything we can to fight the opioid crisis, including ensuring that drug dealers will spend a significant portion of their lives behind bars."

Mr. Peisinger thanked the jurors who deliberated the case and Assistant State's Attorney Scott Lewis who prosecuted this matter and commended the Harford County Sheriff's Office, the Maryland State Police, the Aberdeen Police Department, members of the Harford County Task Force and the Maryland State Police Forensic Science Division for their hard work and dedication in conducting the investigation that resulted in the arrest and conviction of Manuel.