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Zanesville man pleads guilty in friend's overdose death

A Zanesville man who provided his friend, 25-year-old Timothy Corder, with the drugs that killed him faces up to 17-and-a-half years in prison for Corder's overdose death last July.

Kyle Barry, 27, pleaded guilty in Muskingum County Common Pleas Court to one felony count of involuntary manslaughter and one fifth-degree felony count of trafficking in a fentanyl-related compound.

On July 2, 2021, Corder's parents found their son dead in bed around 6:30 a.m.

Corder's death was ruled a fentanyl overdose.

A gum wrapper with white residue suspected to be fentanyl, as well as Corder's phone were collected from the scene for evidence.

During their investigation, detectives from the Muskingum County Sheriff's Office identified Barry as a person of interest.

Phone records showed that Barry had been in contact with Corder about purchasing fentanyl together.

Facebook messages between Corder and Barry indicated that both were in active addiction, but Corder was just beginning to experiment with fentanyl with Barry's guidance.

Further messages between Corder and Barry that evening indicated that Barry acquired the fentanyl and the pair were making plans to meet. The pair discussed strategies for ingesting the drugs without becoming sick. Their last exchange prior to Corder's death was just before midnight when both confirmed they were safe at home.

It is a serious crime to provide drugs to another person who afterwards suffers harm. That crime is enhanced to a felony of the first degree, involuntary manslaughter, if the recipient dies from the provided drugs. Drug crimes, especially those that inflict harm on others, will continue to be prosecuted in Muskingum County.

At sentencing, Barry faces up to a maximum of 17-and-a-half years in prison.