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ANTWANN JOHNSON FOUND GUILTY OF DRUG TRAFFICKING, OTHER CRIMES

State Attorney Melissa Nelson announces that a Duval County jury found Antwann Johnson guilty of Trafficking in Methamphetamine; Trafficking in Fentanyl; Possessing a Place Where Drugs are Sold; Possession of More than 20 Grams of Cannabis with Intent to Sell; Possession of Controlled Substance Paraphernalia; Fleeing to Elude a Law Enforcement Officer; and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. With the verdict, Johnson faces up to 70 years in Florida State Prison with a mandatory minimum of 25 years. The Honorable Jonathan Sacks will sentence Johnson at a future date.

On June 9, 2024, patrol officers with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office attempted a traffic stop near Downtown Jacksonville. Instead of pulling over, Johnson drove away. Meanwhile, JSO undercover narcotics detectives continued to monitor Johnson until he pulled into a Jasper Avenue apartment complex. When they approached Johnson while he was out of the car, he ran but was quickly caught. Detectives searched his vehicle and found a large quantity of methamphetamine pills and marijuana. On Johnson himself was a room key to a St. Johns Bluff extended-stay motel that was the subject of a long-term narcotics investigation for suspected drug transactions in the months preceding his arrest. Law enforcement then executed a search warrant on the motel room where they found a handgun, drug paraphernalia, prepackaged bags containing a trafficking amount of a methamphetamine/fentanyl mixture, marijuana, a box of ammunition, and more. Johnson was a previously convicted felon and could not legally possess a firearm.

The case was investigated by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant State Attorneys Joe Licandro and Kierstyn Jennings.