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TAYLOR FISCHER SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AFTER HIS INFANT SON DIED
FROM EXPOSURE TO ILLEGAL DRUGS IN THE HOME

Evansville, IN – Prosecutor Diana Moers announces that the Taylor Mitchell Fischer was sentenced to 30 years in the Department of Correction by the Honorable Magistrate Judge Celia M. Pauli of the Vanderburgh Circuit Court. Prosecutors presented testimony at the sentencing hearing on February 5, 2025. The jury found Fischer was found guilty in November of 2025 of a series of crimes leading to the death of his infant son.

On November 21, 2024, Taylor Mitchell Fischer was found guilty by a jury of Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Death, a Level 1 Felony; two counts of Neglect of a Dependent, Endangering the Dependent's Life or Health, a Level 6 Felony; Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; Possession of a Controlled Substance (Fentanyl), a Level 6 Felony; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor. On September 11, 2023, emergency response personnel attempted life-saving measures on the 11-month-old child, but the child was pronounced dead at the hospital. Substantial evidence of drugs (narcotics including methamphetamine and fentanyl), drug paraphernalia (glass pipe), digital scales, baggies of drugs, and other storage containers of drugs were found in the home - some within reaching distance of the child.

Toxicology reports showed the presence of fentanyl, fentanyl precursors, xylazine, and naloxone in the child's system. The forensic pathologist determined that the cause of death was due to fentanyl intoxication – the infant found with 8 times the adult dosage of fentanyl in its system.

Prosecutor Moers thanks her Deputies Ian Blair and Keaton Maurer for their unwavering advocacy for this child and their push for a harsh punishment at sentencing. "Today the Defendant received a sentence of 30 years to be served at the Department of Correction. This case reminds us of the seriousness of the drug problem in Vanderburgh County - a completely innocent life was lost due to fentanyl and other drugs. We will never stop fighting to keep drugs out of Vanderburgh County and this case underscores the importance of that goal. An extremely small amount of fentanyl is deadly to adults and especially children and it must never make its way to them. We will never forget the life of this innocent baby - found dead with multiple drugs in their system at home- the place that is supposed to keep them safe."

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