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***Press Release – Michael Lee Reed Sentenced
for Leading Major Drug Ring***

Michael Lee Reed was sentenced to the Department of Corrections for leading a major drug operation involving Methamphetamine and Counterfeit Oxy Pills with Fentanyl.

The defendant had pled guilty to the top count, Colorado Organized Crime Control Act – pattern of racketeering (F2) was sentenced to 28 years in the Department of Corrections followed by parole, Distribution of a Controlled Substance (DF2) and was sentenced to 16 years in the Department of Correction concurrent followed by parole, and Money Laundering (F3) and was sentenced to 16 years in the Department of Corrections followed by parole.

The defendant had been one of the key members and leaders of this criminal organization. The defendant’s operation sold methamphetamine and counterfeit oxycodone pills that contained Fentanyl. In total, the Defendant sold over 1,400 pills containing Fentanyl.

The prosecution recommended a lengthy prison sentence due to the defendant’s key role in this criminal organization, the massive introduction of controlled substances into this community, and his repeated returns to the distribution of controlled substances. The Defendant has a history of possession of controlled substances, possession with intent to distribute controlled substances, and manufacturing of controlled substances.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Erica Baasten explained to the Court, “It is clear that he took a lead role in the organization, he repeated and increased his role within the drug distribution community, and he imported and distributed massive quantities of deadly narcotics.”

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, “This drug operation took a terrible toll on our community and he preyed upon individuals in the throes of drug addiction. This man pushed a tremendous amount of drugs into this community for his own profit. It is particularly disturbing that he knowingly sold large quantities of counterfeit pills containing fentanyl, which can be deadly. I appreciate the tireless efforts of the investigators and Senior Deputy District Attorney Erica Baasten in bringing this drug ring to justice.”