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JURY CONVICTS KAHSAI GOITOM OF DRUG TRAFFICKING, JUDGE SENTENCES TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON

On September 29, 2021, Kahsai Berhane Goitom, of Santa Rosa, California, was found guilty of Trafficking Methamphetamine, More Than 400 Grams by a Carroll County jury. Coweta Judicial Circuit Superior Court Judge William Hamrick sentenced Goitom to 30 years to serve in prison and a one million dollar fine. This was the maximum prison sentence under the law and the mandatory fine for this amount of Methamphetamine.

Assistant District Attorneys Maggie Meetze and Karlie Hightower prosecuted the case. Special Agent Paul Skinner of the West Metro Regional Drug Enforcement Office (WMRDEO) of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation was the lead investigator.

On May 14, 2019, Goitom and his co-conspirator, Guy Anthony Robinson, were arrested by WMRDEO agents at a gas station in Bremen, Georgia, as the defendants delivered 4,000 grams of methamphetamine, 28 grams of heroin and fentanyl to the location. Robinson arrived first with 1,286 grams of the methamphetamine, and Goitom arrived minutes later with 2,714 grams of methamphetamine, heroin, and fentanyl. On Friday, September 24, 2021, Robinson chose to take responsibility prior to trial and entered into a negotiated plea agreement to Trafficking Methamphetamine, More than 400 Grams. He was sentenced to 25 years to serve in prison and a one million dollar fine.

I commend the West Metro Regional Drug Enforcement Office for their commitment to holding accountable those who are responsible for transporting and selling large amounts of illegal drugs. We appreciate the service of the Carroll County jurors that acted as fact finders in this trial. The DA's Office will continue to seek multi-year prison sentences for drug traffickers, like Mr. Goitom and Mr. Robinson, who seek to profit from those who suffer from addiction.

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