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**Matthew Tucker Pleads Guilty to Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd
Degree Following a Long-Term Narcotics Investigation**

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, October 24, 38-year-old Matthew Tucker pled guilty to Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree following a long-term narcotics investigation.

The Monroe County Heroin Task Force and the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (GRANET) utilized information collected from a long-term narcotics investigation to issue search warrants at multiple locations within the City of Rochester and the Town of Greece back in February. During the raid, law enforcement seized over 200 grams of heroin, approximately 50 grams of fentanyl, approximately \$50,000, a stolen handgun, crack cocaine and marihuana. Six individuals were arrested as a result of the search warrants and were charged with various drug and weapons charges. One of those individuals being Matthew Tucker. Tucker admitted to selling fentanyl to another person on February 14, 2019, in the Town of Brighton.

Co-Defendant Thomas Strickland previously pled guilty on June 6, 2019 to possessing more than 4 ounces of heroin in the city of Rochester as a part of the investigation and was sentenced to 4.5 years in the Department of Corrections with 5 years post-release supervision by Supreme Court Justice Thomas Moran.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“There were various agencies involved in the successful investigation and prosecution of Matthew Tucker,” said Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano. “Thank you to GRANET, the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, the Greece Police Department, the New York State Division of Parole, Homeland Security Investigations, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Border Patrol who all assisted in this collaborative investigation.”

“Matthew Tucker’s admission of guilt is an example of the success we hoped to achieve with the implementation of the Monroe County Heroin Task Force,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “This investigation not only helped remove fentanyl and heroin from our community, but it is also bringing some of those responsible for selling these deadly drugs to justice.”

Matthew Tucker will be sentenced on January 6, 2020 in front of Justice Moran. He is expected to receive a sentence of 8.5 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.