Somers Point Man Pleads Guilty to Strict Liability Drug Induced Death

MAYS LANDING, NJ - On Monday, November 2, 2026, Dwayne Legette, 51, of Somers Point, NJ, pled guilty to first-degree strict liability drug induced death and third-degree distribution of CDS. The plea calls for a recommended sentence of eight years in New Jersey State Prison on the strict liability charge, with the defendant required to serve 85% of that term in New Jersey State Prison, and a concurrent five years in New Jersey State Prison on the distribution charge. Following his release from prison, Legette will be supervised on parole for five additional years.

On December 25, 2023, the Somers Point Police Department responded to a call of an unresponsive male. The male was pronounced deceased on scene. Police located a small amount of suspected CDS on scene. That substance was confirmed to be fentanyl. The Medical Examiner's Office confirmed the male died of Fentanyl Intoxication. Evidence in the case showed Legette sold the Fentanyl to someone who gave it to the male. The male ingested the substance and suffered from an overdose.

New Jersey law provides that any person who distributes a controlled dangerous substance is strictly liable for a death which results from the ingestion of that substance. The penalty of this crime carries up to 20 years in prison.

The case was investigated by the Somers Point Police Department and the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Gangs, Guns, and Narcotics Unit.



Dwayne Legette