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### **District Attorney Secures Guilty Plea in Fentanyl Overdose Death of 13-year-old**

Today, Marcus Crowley entered a guilty plea on the charges of Voluntary Manslaughter with Use of a Deadly Weapon and Sexually Motivated Coercion. Crowley has admitted to providing the drugs to the 13-year-old victim, which were the direct cause of her death.

"A person who puts a fatal drug in the hands of a child bears responsibility for that child's death," said Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "Drug overdose deaths (primarily fentanyl) have reached epidemic proportions, topping 100,000 annually across the United States. One way we are trying to combat this is by holding accountable those who are supplying these drugs. There is no way for a person to know if a drug they are taking is laced with something deadly like fentanyl. We must do everything we can to keep this from happening to another person in our community—especially a child."

This case is being prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Michael Schwartz and Deputy District Attorney Eckley Keach, III. The guilty plea agreement ensures that Mr. Crowley will be held accountable for his role in this child's death. He faces 7 to 20 years in prison.

Mr. Crowley is scheduled to be formally sentenced on April 20, 2022.