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A Weymouth man was sentenced to 12 years in prison after a Norfolk Superior Court jury found him guilty on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 of running a drug distribution operation out of his Weymouth Commons apartment, Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey announced.

Brien A. Johnson, 41, was found guilty of trafficking almost 240 grams of methamphetamine and eight related drug peddling offenses after the jury deliberated five hours. The trial lasted five days.

In addition to the mandatory minimum sentence on the trafficking charge, Judge Michael Doolin sentenced Johnson to concurrent two-year prison terms on charges of distributing distribution of fentanyl and fluorofentanyl, and possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, fluorofentanyl, cocaine and MDMA.

Johnson was arrested on July 20, 2021 after a four-month investigation by members of the Weymouth Police Narcotics Unit who were assisted by the Massachusetts State Police Narcotics Unit of the Norfolk District Attorney's Office.

During the investigation, police conducted surveillance in which they observed drug transactions, including an occasion when the defendant dropped a bag of narcotics from the balcony of his apartment at 56 Audubon Road to a customer on the ground. Police executed a search warrant at Johnson's apartment and found nearly 240 grams of methamphetamine, smaller amounts of cocaine and fentanyl, a scale and drug paraphernalia.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Debi Curley.