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**STATE ATTORNEY**  
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

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**PRESS RELEASE**

(Walton County, Florida) On December 7, 2023, Circuit Court Judge Kelvin Wells sentenced Jonathon Hataway to 20 years in state prison including a 15-year minimum mandatory sentence for Trafficking in Fentanyl and 5 years in state prison concurrent for Failure to Appear.

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On September 21, 2022, Hataway was pulled over by a Walton County Deputy at a traffic stop, and the Deputy smelled marijuana coming from Hataway's vehicle. The Deputy found marijuana in Hataway's vehicle, and Hataway had more marijuana in his pocket. The Deputy noticed a large foreign lump concealed in Hataway's pants and retrieved 55 grams of Fentanyl hidden in Hataway's underwear.

**OKALOOSA COUNTY**  
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Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547  
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On June 12, 2023, a jury was selected to try this case, however, Hataway failed to appear for his trial date that week. On June 21, 2023, Hataway was arrested by Walton County Deputies for failing to appear for his jury trial, and he was held without bond to ensure his appearance at future court dates.

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Hataway pled to Trafficking in Fentanyl and Failure to Appear. Hataway had previous convictions for Carrying a Concealed Firearm, Burglary, Felony Battery, Grand Theft, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Delinquent, and Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

The investigation and arrests were conducted by the Walton County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State Attorney Angela Liles prosecuted the case on behalf of Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. For further information, please contact Ms. Liles at (850) 892-8080.