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Lancaster Pleads to Involuntary Manslaughter in Overdose Death

On October 27th, 2025, Grayson Lancaster plead guilty to Sale of a Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession with Intent to Sell, Manufacture, and Delivery of a Schedule II Controlled Substance, and Involuntary Manslaughter. He was sentenced by Judge Henry L. Stevens IV was sentenced to 19-32 months followed by an additional 8-19 months for a minimum active sentence of 27 months. Additionally, Lancaster will be placed on supervised probation for 14-26 months following his release from prison. As a special condition of the probation case, Lancaster is ordered to report to a residential recovery facility.

On September 19, 2022, Justin Barnes, age 32, died as a result of fentanyl toxicity. A blue pill marked "M" on one side and "30" on the other was found near Barnes. That pill was sent to a lab and was determined to contain fentanyl. Later, investigators discovered digital evidence linking Lancaster to the sale of several pills containing fentanyl to Barnes.

Lancaster would later be arrested on October 11, 2023, for charges relating to the overdose of Barnes. At the time of his arrest, a cell phone found on Lancaster contained evidence that Lancaster purchased a quantity of pills from Ethan Faircloth and others just before the death of Barnes. Ethan Faircloth recently pleaded guilty in an unrelated overdose case on October 13, 2025, involving the death of Dennis "Nash" Connor.



Grayson Lancaster