

MISSOULA — A 34-year-old Missoula woman was sentenced today for possessing methamphetamine and fentanyl pills, U.S. Attorney Jesse Laslovich said.

U.S. District Judge Donald W. Molloy sentenced Lindsay Ann Rumph to 70 months in prison followed by 5 years of supervised release. The defendant pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute controlled substances in April 2023.

The government alleged in court documents that on February 4, 2023, in Missoula County, a traffic stop was initiated on the vehicle Rumph was driving and a later search of the vehicle, pursuant to a Montana State search warrant, resulted in the recovery of methamphetamine, fentanyl pills, various drug paraphernalia, a firearm, and \$279 in U.S. Currency. Rumph was interviewed after the traffic stop and admitted that drugs would be found in both the vehicle and on her person. In March of 2023, the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency Western Laboratory completed an analysis on the methamphetamine and determined it was more than 50 grams of actual methamphetamine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tara Elliott prosecuted the case, which was investigated by the Montana Regional Violent Crime Task Force.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence, and to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. On May 26, 2021, the Department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results.