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For Immediate Release

Chatham County, GA (August 7, 2026) - District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones, along with Director of the Counter Narcotics Unit, Michael Sarhatt, would like to announce the arrest and indictment of Michael William Eden for Felony Murder and Aggravated Involuntary Manslaughter under Austin's Law.

In April of 2026, the Savannah-Chatham Counter Narcotics Team, the Chatham County Police Department, and the Chatham County DA's Office initiated a four-month investigation into the overdose death of a local woman. This investigation resulted in the indictment and arrest of Eden.

Along with Felony Murder, Eden has also been indicted on charges of Aggravated Involuntary Manslaughter, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, and Sale of a Controlled Substance. Eden is currently being held at the Chatham County Jail.

District Attorney Jones says, "The distribution of Fentanyl is an extremely serious offense because even the slightest contact with this dangerous drug can lead to the immediate death of the user, innocent bystanders, and law enforcement officers who respond to the scene. Our hearts go out to the victims and their loved ones. We thank Director Sarhatt and his department for bringing cases like these to justice."

CNT Director Sarhatt says, "My office is committed to aggressively investigating overdose deaths that occur in Chatham County. Currently we have several fatal overdose investigations nearing completion that will be referred to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. Some of these cases date back as far as 2021."

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