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**NORTH EAST MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS
FOR COCAINE AND GUN CHARGES**

ELKTON – On September 29, 2025, Curtis White, 43, of North East, pleaded guilty to CDS: Possession – Large Amount and Firearm Possession with Felony Conviction in the Circuit Court for Cecil County. Judge William W. Davis, Jr. sentenced White to twenty years suspend all but ten years to serve including a mandatory minimum five years sentence for the drug possession count and fifteen years consecutive for the firearm possession count. The sentence for the firearm possession was later completely suspended. Upon release, White will be placed on three years of supervised probation.

This plea comes after a joint investigation by members of the Cecil County Drug Task Force and Delaware State Police involving drug distribution in Delaware. On April 22, 2025, a search warrant was executed at White's residence in the Chesapeake Ridge Apartments in North East. White was arrested at the scene. In his apartment, police found just over a kilogram of cocaine, a Glock handgun, and \$11,052.00 in cash. Under Maryland law, if a person possesses 448 grams or more of an illegal substance, Possession – Large Amount may be charged which carries the mandatory five-year minimum sentence. Additionally, White was charged for possessing the handgun in his residence as he is prohibited from possessing firearms due to a prior conviction.

The Maryland Sentencing Guidelines for White for the cocaine possession charge ranged from five to eight years. Assistant State's Attorney Henry M. Smithmyer recommended a sentence of ten years for the CDS possession charge and an additional five years for the firearm possession charge. State's Attorney James A. Dellmyer stated, "Too many lives have been lost as a result of drugs. My office will continue to hold criminals responsible for distribution of drugs in Cecil County, and the State will continue to ask for sentences at the top of the guidelines for those who commit these types of crimes."

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