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# Bailey sentenced to 97 months for heroin distribution ring

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SWEETWATER COUNTY – Eleven of the 12 people accused of being connected with a heroin distribution ring whose product resulted in the 2014 death of a Sweetwater County resident have been found guilty and sentenced to time in prison.

All 12 of the people involved were arrested last summer and only one has not been sentenced in the U.S. District Court of Wyoming.

Wayne Bailey was sentenced by Chief Federal District Court Judge Nancy Freudenthal on Tuesday for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute heroin which resulted in death. His sentencing included 97 months of imprisonment, and the court “strongly recommended” participation in the residential drug abuse program, according to court documents.

Upon release, Bailey will be on probation for five years, must submit to drug and alcohol testing and is ordered to complete a substance abuse treatment program.

He was also ordered to participate in a cognitive-behavioral treatment regimen that may include, but is not limited to Moral Reconciliation Therapy, Cognitive Thinking, Thinking for Change or Interactive Journaling, according to court documents.

Bailey was ordered to pay \$600 in fines and assessment fees.

## FINAL SENTENCING PENDING

Sentencing for Ryon Rudy James Herbst is set for 1:30 p.m. Feb. 10.

The Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, Southwest Enforcement Team, Sweetwater County Sheriff’s Office and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration worked together on the investigation that led to apprehending the 12 individuals linked to the death of 26-year-old Joseph W. Phillips in January 2014.

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