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Man Pleas Guilty to Trafficking Cocaine

On August 21, 2023, Jeremy Kemp, a forty-three-year-old man, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of trafficking cocaine. The prosecution team was led by Assistant District Attorney Victoria Hicks. The case was investigated by Investigator Joseph Dwyer with the Douglasville Police Department. Superior Court Judge Cynthia Adams presided over the matter.

On December 23, 2020, the Douglasville Police Department responded to multiple complaints of narcotics activity and initiated surveillance at a local gas station. During the operation, law enforcement observed a blue Hyundai Tucson parking at one of the gas pumps. Within minutes, four separate vehicles arrived at the gas station and parked near the Hyundai. The drivers of these vehicles would briefly enter the Hyundai's front passenger seat before exiting one to two minutes later.

Law enforcement approached the driver of the Hyundai Tucson, subsequently identified as Jeremy Kemp. During their initial interaction, Kemp attempted to flee from law enforcement but was quickly apprehended after tripping over a nearby trashcan. A search of Kemp's vehicle revealed two clear plastic bags containing approximately forty-two grams of crack cocaine.

Kemp has three prior convictions for selling illegal narcotics in Douglas County. At the time of this offense, Kemp was on probation and parole for his prior offenses. Kemp's probation and parole were revoked due to him committing this new offense.

Douglas County District Attorney Dalia Racine stated, "Drug addiction plagues communities across our country and Douglas County is not immune from this epidemic. While we focus on connecting those with substance abuse disorders to resources, we also will take a firm stance against those that supply drugs to our vulnerable community members. We are proud of the efforts of our law enforcement and our team to ensure justice is achieved."

Kemp entered a plea of guilty to his charge, and Judge Adams sentenced him to thirty years to serve twenty years in confinement and the additional condition that he be banished from Douglas County.