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Montgomery County Receives Over \$6,000,000 in Opioid Settlement

DAYTON, OH (5/10/2023) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck issued a statement today announcing a settlement in Montgomery County’s opioid litigation with Meijer, Inc.

In July 2018, Prosecutor Heck, on behalf of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, and with the assistance of special assistant prosecuting attorneys Lisa Saltzburg, and Linda Singer, with the law firm of Motley Rice, filed lawsuits against various opioid manufacturers and distributors. The purpose of the lawsuits against the opioid manufacturers and distributors that dispense opioids is to hold these companies accountable for their actions and to receive funds to help abate the damage caused by the opioid crisis. Retail pharmacy defendants were added to the litigation in 2021 as part of a combined Multidistrict Litigation.

Without admitting any wrongdoing, defendant Meijer, Inc. entered into a settlement agreement on May 1, 2023, with Montgomery County and 46 other jurisdictions. The total amount of the settlement was \$35,000,000.

On Thursday, May 4, Montgomery County received \$6,381,180.80, which represents the County’s share of the settlement. Montgomery County’s settlement also means that an additional \$675,000 will be placed into a “Common Benefit Fund” to be used by other jurisdictions in Montgomery County in dealing with the effects of the opioid crisis.

Prosecutor Heck said, “This settlement with defendant Meijer will immediately provide Montgomery County and local jurisdictions funds that can be used for drug treatment and prevention programs, public education, and more.

“The opioid crisis affected Montgomery County in profound ways. I am pleased that working alongside the Board of County Commissioners, we were able to reach this settlement. This will benefit the citizens of Montgomery County in combatting and recovering from opioid addiction.”

“We have made many positive steps toward public education and crisis intervention for our citizens, including the opening of our Crisis Center last month,” said Montgomery County Commissioner Judy Dodge.

“This settlement will help our County and its jurisdictions set up more supports to combat opioid abuse and repair families affected by this epidemic.”

Additional litigation against the remaining defendants is ongoing.

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