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HAYDEN MAN SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON FOR PROBATION VIOLATION

Harley Camron Fietsam, 22, of Haydens, was sentenced on Monday to serve eight years in state prison for probation violations relating to his prior conviction for aggravated battery, the Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announced today. Fietsam was sentenced by District Judge Lansing Haynes, who ordered that the first two years of the sentence would be fixed, and the remaining six years are indeterminate, with credit for time served. Feitsam had been originally sentenced to eight years in prison, with three years fixed, on January 24, 2008, with the court retaining jurisdiction. After successfully completing the retained jurisdiction program, Fietsam was placed on supervised probation on June 26, 2008.

Fietsam admitted violating terms of his probation, including possession of drug paraphernalia, and smoking marijuana and oxycotin. He was found by the Court to have violated the term requiring him to pay for the costs of his supervision.

Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney Barry McHugh praised the work of the Idaho Department of Corrections Office of Probation and Parole in conducting the supervision and investigation, and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Terri Laird, who prosecuted the case. McHugh noted that "having a defendant like Mr. Fietsam return to drug use is a significant concern in that alcohol and drug use was a factor in the event that lead to his conviction, and was a clear sign

that he cannot or will not comply with the terms of his supervision. Considering the seriousness of the crime, his criminal history and present violations, Judge Haynes's sentence is appropriate, protects society from Mr. Fietsam, and provides Mr. Fietsam with an opportunity to take advantage of programs while in the custody of the Department of Corrections. We hope the sentence and the treatment he will receive deters him in the future from engaging in similar conduct, and deters others from engaging in this illegal activity."

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