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Man convicted by jury after troopers find drugs in car's engine

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MILFORD, PIKE COUNTY (WBRE/WYOU) — Pike County District Attorney Ray Tonkin announced that a man from Taylor has been convicted of multiple drug-related charges.

Paul Wassel, 52, of Taylor was arrested in June of 2020 after a two-month investigation into the supply of large quantities of heroin to northeastern Pennsylvania.



Tonkin said the investigation revealed that Kenneth Smith would bring a large quantity of heroin/fentanyl from Paterson, New Jersey to northeastern Pennsylvania during the overnight hours.

While serving a search warrant, Troopers say they found over 2,300 bags of suspected heroin/fentanyl and \$600 cash in the engine compartment of Wassel's rental car.

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Last week, Wassel was convicted of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, fentanyl and criminal conspiracy. He faces a minimum of between six and seven and a half years on each felony charge.

Smith is currently being held in Pike County Correctional Facility and waiting for his trial which is scheduled for May 2022.

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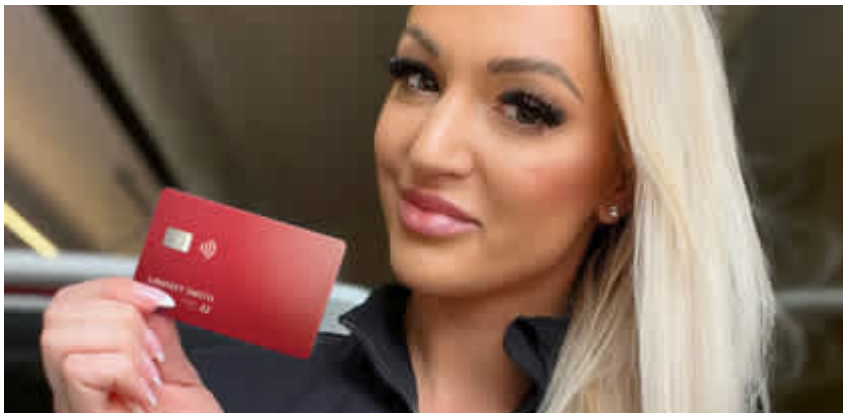
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