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Sheriff Kandy Fatheree
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Summit County Sheriff's Office Awarded a Second Grant to Continue Opioid Treatment at Summit County Jail

The Summit County Sheriff's Office has been awarded an \$84,015 grant from the Ohio Attorney General's Office to support the continued work of the Licensed Practical Nurse who specializes in the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program at the Summit County Jail.

The funding is provided through the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Diversion Program, which partners with local law enforcement agencies and behavioral health treatment providers to support initiatives that address substance use disorders and expand access to treatment throughout Ohio.

This is the second grant awarded to the Summit County Sheriff's Office in the past month to support its successful Medication-Assisted Treatment program at the Summit County Jail. In May, the Sheriff's Office received a two-year \$400,000 renewal of an Opioid Remediation Grant from the Ohio Attorney General's Office to continue funding the work of the jail's Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), further strengthening the program's ability to provide treatment to inmates.

Since Sheriff Fatheree launched the MAT program at the Summit County Jail a year ago, the team has treated more than 700 inmates with substance use disorders.

The MAT team evaluates inmates during the intake process to identify those in need of treatment and begin care as quickly as possible. In addition to prescribing medications for opioid use disorder, the team develops individualized treatment plans, provides education and ongoing monitoring, and coordinates transitional care and reentry planning. They also work closely with community treatment providers and support services to help ensure individuals can continue their recovery after release, with the long-term goal of reducing recidivism.

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