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REPEAT DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS AFTER ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE METHAMPHETAMINE INTO SAUK COUNTY JAIL

BARABOO, WI – Sauk County District Attorney Michael X. Albrecht announced today that **Brian D. Hill, 48**, has been sentenced to 14 years in the Wisconsin Prison System following his conviction for methamphetamine trafficking and smuggling contraband into a secure facility. The sentence, handed down on November 7, 2025, by Circuit Court Judge Wendy J.N. Klicko, consists of **8 years of initial confinement** followed by **6 years of extended supervision**.

Hill was convicted of five counts, including Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine (>10-50g) – Second or Subsequent Offense, and Possession of an Illegal Article by an Inmate as a Repeater. The conviction followed a turn of events on September 3, 2025, when Hill chose to enter a plea of no contest shortly before opening statements were set to begin, after a jury had already been selected and seated for his trial.

The charges stem from a traffic arrest where Hill was found attempting to smuggle approximately 20 grams of methamphetamine into the Sauk County Jail via body cavity. To put the scale of this seizure into perspective, 20 grams represents between 67 and 200 single doses of methamphetamine. This high-volume quantity, combined with Hill's attempt to breach jail security, underscored the serious nature of the criminal enterprise.

“The defendant has had numerous opportunities to choose a law-abiding life, and the resources available to rehabilitate him within our local community are now exhausted,” said District Attorney Albrecht. “This case is not about a person struggling with addiction; it is about a repeat drug dealer who attempted to breach the security of our jail to continue his trade. By securing this lengthy sentence, another source of dangerous drugs has been removed from our community, making Sauk County safer.”

Hill's extensive criminal history includes 30 prior criminal convictions, which includes multiple previous convictions for Manufacturing/Delivering controlled substances. Despite numerous opportunities for community-based treatment and supervision, Hill continued to serve as a conduit for dangerous drugs. District Attorney Albrecht noted that this 14-year sentence reflects the exhaustion of the community's patience and the necessity of protecting citizens from those who refuse to reform their conduct.

The case was prosecuted by **Assistant District Attorney Natalia J. Gess** and investigated by the Baraboo Police Department and Sauk County Sheriff's Office.

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