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On October 14, 2026, Brandon Vede was sentenced to 59 months in prison after pleading guilty by Bill of Information to two counts of Aggravated Possession of Drugs, felonies of the third degree, and one count of Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the fifth degree.

In July 2026, a Celina Police Department officer stopped Vede's vehicle for no visible license plate. When the officer approached the vehicle, he made contact with Vede, the driver; Vede's juvenile daughter, the backseat passenger; and a front seat passenger.

During the traffic stop, the officer noted Vede's nervous demeanor and asked him to step out of the vehicle. When Vede stepped out of the vehicle, the officer asked if he could pat down Vede for weapons. Vede consented to the pat down. During the pat down, the officer felt an object in Vede's pocket and asked what it was. The officer then asked if he could take the object out of Vede's pocket and look at it. Vede consented. The officer examined the object, a Dramamine bottle, and opened the bottle. When he did so, a white powdery substance got all over the officer's hands.

Vede was placed in handcuffs, mirandized, and asked about the white powdery substance. Vede admitted it was methamphetamine. More officers soon arrived on scene and spoke with the front passenger, who informed officers that there was a jar of meth in the vehicle. When officers searched the vehicle, they uncovered approximately 60 grams of methamphetamine in various containers in Vede's backpack. Additionally, officers located approximately 5 grams of psilocyn (i.e. shrooms). When Vede was transported to the jail, deputies found additional baggies of methamphetamine on Vede's person.

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