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Involuntary Manslaughter Arrest

On Thursday, October 5, 2023, Monterey Police Officers responded to a suspected drug overdose at a hotel in the 1100 block of Tenth Street. MPD officers arrived on scene and attempted lifesaving efforts until they were relieved by the Monterey Fire Department and American Medical Response. The victim was transported to a local hospital and later pronounced deceased.

Monterey Detectives investigated the circumstances surrounding the death in an attempt to determine where the drugs that caused the overdose originated to hold the supplier accountable. Detectives contacted Laurissa Farrald and Joseph Brown at the scene in a separate hotel room. Farrald was found to have two active warrants for her arrest and was on probation. Detectives searched Farrald's hotel room and recovered narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia. Detectives searched Brown's vehicle and located a handgun and more narcotics.

Presumptive tests of the narcotics indicated they were fentanyl, cocaine, and methamphetamine.

As a result of the investigation, detectives determined that Brown and Farrald were involved in narcotics sales. Information also indicates that on October 4, 2023, the victim purchased narcotics from Farrald and Brown before overdosing.

Brown was arrested and booked into the Monterey County Jail on charges of 192(a) PC – manslaughter, 182(a)(1) PC – conspiracy, 11378 HS – possession of methamphetamine for sales, 11351 HS – possession of cocaine and fentanyl for sales, and 29800(a)(1) PC – felon in possession of a firearm.

Farrald was arrested for 192(a) PC – manslaughter, 182(a)(1) PC – conspiracy, 11378 HS – possession of methamphetamine for sales, 11351 HS – possession of cocaine and fentanyl for sales, and 1203.2 PC – probation violation.

Monterey Detectives obtained bail enhancements for Brown and Farrald and they were held without bail

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Sergeant Greg Galin (831) 646-3872, or to remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840.

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