



**Press Release**

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**AGENCY:** CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
**SHERIFF:** JIM OLSON (802JK)  
**CLASSIFICATION:** DRUG OVERDOSE  
**LOCATION:** WATERTOWN, MN  
**TELEPHONE:** 952-361-1212

Carver County Sheriff Jim Olson reports that on March 23, 2018 at about 5:55pm, deputies responded to a medical involving an unresponsive adult female on the 200 block of Westminster Ave NW, Watertown, MN. Deputies arrived to find Olivia Rose Zorbas (19) deceased. Deputies immediately noted evidence of recent intravenous drug use and suspected Zorbas had overdosed on controlled substances.

Deputies obtained a search warrant for the premises to look for evidence of the manner of death. Deputies recovered an uncapped syringe, packing material consistent with drug packaging, and a make-shift tourniquet. Deputies also discovered a white powder which tested positive as fentanyl, a controlled substance, using a field test kit.

Through further investigation, deputies learned the identity of the suspect believed to have sold Zorbas the controlled substance(s). On March 26, 2018, deputies located and arrested the suspect, Deon Lee Hillard (29) of Minneapolis. Hillard has subsequently been charged with 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Murder and remains in the Carver County Jail.

Zorbas was transported to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office where an autopsy will be performed.

Ridgeview Ambulance Service and Watertown Fire department assisted the Sheriff's Office in responding to this call for service.

The matter remains under investigation.

If you need assistance from police, fire or medical personnel call 9-1-1. Anyone with information related to this incident or any crime is asked to contact the Carver County Sheriff's Office at 952-361-1231 or use the tip line 952-361-1224. Our tip form is at <http://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/county-sheriff/crime-prevention/crime-tips>

