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**Brian Saez Pleads Guilty to Criminally Negligent Homicide after Selling Life
Threatening Opioids to Sean Vaniderstine**

Rochester, NY- On Thursday June 21, 26-year-old Brian Saez pled guilty to Criminally Negligent Homicide and Attempted Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree for causing the opioid-related death of Sean Vaniderstine.

Sean Vaniderstine was found deceased in his home on January 25, 2018. The investigation revealed that he purchased illegal narcotics from Brian Saez shortly before his death. He died after complications from an opioid-related overdose. After a swift investigation, the Gates Police Department apprehended and arrested Brian Saez for criminally negligent homicide, narcotics sale and possession charges. Saez will serve 2-4 years in the New York State Department of Corrections after today's conviction for Criminally Negligent Homicide, and 3 years in the New York State Department of Corrections with 3 years of post-release supervision for Attempted Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree.

"The opioid crisis is something that the Monroe County District Attorney's Office is working to combat in any way possible," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "It is our goal to bring drug dealers to justice, and conducting thorough investigations that lead to homicide charges is a small way we can help in the fight against this epidemic. We hope that this will send a message to drug dealers that we will hold them accountable for promoting these life threatening opioids in our community."

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Gregory Clark, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

"Today's admission is the result of the investigation conducted by the Gates Police Department," said Assistant District Attorney Gregory Clark. "We hope that with the defendant's admission of guilt, Sean's family and friends can continue to heal and mourn the loss of their loved one."

Brian Saez will be sentenced on July 19, 2018, in front of County Court Judge Dinolfo.

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