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**Dominic Hobbs Pleads Guilty to Criminally Negligent Homicide After Selling  
Life Threatening Opioids to Tara Miles**

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, November 2, 32-year-old Dominic Hobbs pled guilty to Criminally Negligent Homicide and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree for causing the opioid-related death of Tara Miles.

41-year-old Tara Miles was found deceased in her home on April 7, 2017. The victim purchased illegal narcotics from Dominic Hobbs shortly before her death. She died after complications from an opioid-related overdose. After a swift investigation, the Gates Police Department apprehended and arrested Dominic Hobbs for criminally negligent homicide, narcotics sale and possession charges. Hobbs will serve 2-4 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for today's conviction for Criminally Negligent Homicide concurrent to 4 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 to lead to a homicide charge 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 as well as critical information received from the victim's family," said Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark. "We hope that with his admission of guilt, Tara's family and family can continue to heal and mourn the loss of their loved one."

“This plea is a small victory for the family of Tara Miles – and for the other 400 plus families who have lost a loved one to this opiate epidemic in Monroe County since 2014,” said Gates Police Chief James VanBrederode. “We will continue to pursue those who sell this poison and hold them accountable!”

Dominic Hobbs will be sentenced on December 19, 2017, in front of County Court Judge Randall.

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