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**Melinda Hamelinck Pleads Guilty to Criminally Negligent Homicide and
Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree After Causing the
Death of Adam McLeod**

Rochester, NY- On Monday, November 26, 38-year-old Melinda Hamelinck pled guilty to Criminally Negligent Homicide and Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree for causing the opioid-related death of Adam McLeod.

Adam McLeod was found deceased in the home of Melinda Hamelinck on May 28, 2018. The victim was given illegal narcotics, including fentanyl from Hamelinck shortly before his death. In addition to providing the fatal narcotics, Hamelinck witnessed McLeod's fatal overdose and chose to not call authorities. Hamelinck will serve 1-3 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for Criminally Negligent Homicide and 2 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree plus 3 years of Post Release Supervision.

"Every day we are trying to hold dealers and criminals accountable for the loss of life in our community due to the opioid crisis," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Homicide charges and holding dealers accountable for their actions is a small way we can help in the fight against this epidemic. After several homicide charges, we hope that the message has been spread to dealers that we will hold them accountable for promoting these life-threatening opioids in our community."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Bureau Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

"Today's admission is the result of the commitment of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office to fight illegal opioids in our community as well as the thorough investigation conducted by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office," said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz. "We hope that with this admission of guilt, others will think twice before using and providing illegal narcotics in our community."

Melinda Hamelinck will be sentenced on February 4, 2019, in front of State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

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