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**Melinda Hamelinck Sentenced to New York State Department of Corrections
After Selling Narcotics which led to the Death of Adam McLeod**

Rochester, NY- On Monday, February 4, 38-year-old Melinda Hamelinck was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran to 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 plus 3 years of Post Release Supervision for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree for causing the opioid-related death of Adam McLeod. These sentences are to run concurrent.

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.

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

"Today's sentence 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 and the Monroe County Heroin Task Force," said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz. "We will continue to prosecute those who push this poison in our community and hold them accountable for these overdose deaths."

"Every day we are sending more and more drug dealers to prison as a result of investigations conducted by the Monroe County Heroin Task Force," 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."

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