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Grand Jury Files Superceding Indictment Charging Melinda Hamelinck With Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree After Allegedly Providing Fentanyl Resulting in a Fatality

Rochester, NY- On Monday, August 13, 2018, after a thorough investigation by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Monroe County Heroin Task Force, a superceding indictment was filed charging 38-year-old Melinda Hamelinck with Manslaughter in the Second Degree, two counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, for providing illegal narcotics, including fentanyl, to a 31-year-old male, causing his death.

The defendant had previously been indicted and charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree for the alleged possession of fentanyl and cocaine.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Hamelinck is scheduled to appear for arraignment before Supreme Court Justice Thomas Moran on August 27, 2018 at 9:30am.

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