

**News Release from
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**Nikki Phillips Pleads Guilty to Criminally Negligent Homicide after Selling
Life Threatening Opioids**

Rochester, NY- On Friday, August 17th, 27-year-old Nikki Phillips pled guilty to Criminally Negligent Homicide and Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree for causing the opioid-related death of a young woman.

The victim was found dead in her home on November 8, 2017 from an opioid overdose. Investigation by the Irondequoit Police Department and the Monroe County Heroin Task Force determined that the victim had purchased fentanyl from Nikki Phillips shortly before her death. Nikki Phillips was then quickly located and arrested.

Phillips will serve 2-4 years in the New York State Department of Corrections for Criminally Negligent Homicide concurrent to 4 years in the New York State Department of Corrections and 3 years of post-release supervision for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree.

District Attorney Sandra Doorley said, "My office is committed to working hand-in-hand with our law enforcement partners to combat the opioid crisis. The immediate and thorough investigations being conducted by the Monroe County Heroin Task Force allow us to bring individual opioid dealers to justice and send a clear message to the rest of the dealers that we have had enough - this will not stand."

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

"Today's admission is the result of the investigation conducted by the Irondequoit Police Department and the Monroe County Heroin Task Force," said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz. "We hope that these guilty pleas will bring some comfort to the victim's family and friends who continue to mourn the loss of their loved one."

Nikki Phillips will be sentenced on October 23, 2018, in front of County Court Judge Randall.

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