



Carver County Attorney charges Leah Peterson with third degree murder - aiding and abetting - involving a carfentanyl death

Carver County Attorney Mark Metz announced that on October 31, 2017, the Carver County Attorney's Office charged Leah Victoria Peterson with third degree murder - aiding and abetting. The attached criminal complaint alleges that on January 7, 2017, the Defendant aided and abetted another who, without intent to cause death, proximately caused the death of John Michael Hall by, directly or indirectly, unlawfully selling, giving away, bartering, delivering, exchanging, distributing, or administering carfentanyl - a controlled substance classified in schedule I or II. John Hall died from carfentanyl toxicity on January 7, 2017, as a result of the drugs that the Defendant aided and abetted in providing to Hall in Chaska, Carver County, Minnesota.

At the bail hearing on October 31, 2017, Judge Eric Braaten set Defendant Leah Peterson's conditions of release as follows: \$1,000,000 bond/\$100,000 cash without conditions **OR** \$250,000 bond/\$25,000 cash with the following conditions of release: that she have no use or possession of alcohol or drugs; submit to random testing at the request of agent or the court; provide a baseline drug scan; she is not to leave the State of Minnesota; make all court appearances; notify the court of any address changes; and remain law abiding.

Defendant Peterson's first appearance hearing has been scheduled for November 3, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the courthouse in Chaska, Carver County.