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Heroin dealer charged with homicide in overdose death

Seminole County (January 5, 2018) Seminole County investigators have charged a Sanford man with homicide in connection with the death of a Lake Mary man who died from a heroin overdose.

On October 18, investigators were called to a home on Copper Ridge Court in reference to an overdose death. 28 year old Edward Paul Mitschele Jr. was discovered by a family member unresponsive in a bathroom. Further investigation determined that the victim died from a mixture of heroin and fentanyl.

Through further investigation, agents were able to establish a link between the victim and 29 year old Nelson J. Larregui of Sanford. When investigators made contact with Larregui at the suspect's complex, he started running. During his attempt to evade deputies, Larregui took something out of his pocket and threw it in to the bushes.

After a short pursuit, Larregui was taken in to custody. A baggie retrieved from the bushes contained three smaller baggies containing a white power which later tested positive for heroin. The suspect was arrested on drug charges and booked in to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

Once autopsy results confirmed the victim's cause of death, investigators additionally charged Larregui with First Degree Felony Murder-Unlawful Distribution of a Controlled Substance.

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