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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 overdosed on heroin.

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. Upon investigation, it was 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 his apartment complex, he started running. During his attempt to evade deputies, Larregui took something out of his pocket and threw it into the bushes.

After a short foot pursuit, Larregui was taken into custody. A baggie retrieved from the bushes contained three smaller baggies containing a substance which tested positive for heroin. The suspect was arrested on drug charges and booked into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility (JEPCF).

The Medical Examiner's final autopsy report determined the cause of Mitschele's death to be the result of a heroin and fentanyl overdose. Through the course of the investigation, it was discovered that Larregui was the individual who supplied Mitschele the illegal drugs. CCIB agents then obtained a warrant for Larregui's arrest. On January 4, contact was made with Larregui at the JEPCF, and he was additionally charged with first-degree felony murder-unlawful distribution of a controlled substance.

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