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Cape May Court House, New Jersey - Cape May County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor and Chief Joseph Evangelista of Middle Township Police Department report the investigation this weekend of the discovery of a body in the Rio Grande section of Middle Township. The deceased is identified as 22-year-old Brittany Dewysockie of the 1400 block of Route 47 South.

On Sunday, January 27, 2008, at approximately 9:10pm, the Middle Township Police Department received a report of an unresponsive female in a motel room at the Shelton Motel, located at 1410 Route 47 South in Rio Grande. Middle Township Police Patrol Officers responded along with members of the Middle Township Rescue Squad and Medic 9. Attempts to revive Ms. Dewysockie were unsuccessful. Dewysockie was pronounced dead at 9:31pm.

Subsequently, the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Major Crime and Crime Scene Units along with members of the Middle Township Police Department's Major Crime Unit and the Southern Regional Medical Examiner's Office arrived on scene to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death.

As a result of the investigation, 28-year-old Thomas Liston, 31-year-old Pamela Kemper and 48-year-old James Doonan, all of the 1400 block of Route 47 South were charged with Endangering a Injured Victim, a crime of the third degree; Hindering Apprehension, a crime of the third degree; Conspiracy, a crime of the third degree and Obstructing the Administration of Law, a crime of the fourth degree. The investigation revealed that the defendants, all acquaintances of the deceased, failed to render aid to the victim after she allegedly ingested illicit narcotics and subsequently became unresponsive.

Further investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death is continuing with the possibility of additional criminal charges. An autopsy and associated toxicological examination will be performed on Tuesday by the Southern Regional Medical Examiner's Office to determine of the cause and manner of death.

Persons convicted of a crime of the third degree can be incarcerated up to five years in New Jersey State Prison and convictions of crimes of the fourth degree, up to eighteen months.

Prosecutor Taylor and Chief Evangelista recognize the cooperative efforts of all police and emergency medical personnel in this investigation.

