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# NEWS

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***Ocean City, New Jersey*** – County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor and Ocean City Chief of Police Robert E. Blevin announced the investigation of a death that occurred October 17, 2006 in the 600 block of Wesley Avenue, Ocean City, New Jersey.

On October 17, 2006, the Ocean City Police Department received a report of a possible death in an apartment located in the 600 block of Wesley Avenue. Police personnel responded at which time the body of Anthony Dewitt, a fifty-year-old male, was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene.

Members of the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office, Ocean City Police Department, Egg Harbor Township Police Department and the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office initiated a joint investigation. The Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Crime Scene Unit also responded and processed the crime scene. The investigation revealed that Mr. Dewitt had ingested heroin just prior to his death.

Dr. C. Blanchard, M.D. of the New Jersey State Southern Regional Medical Examiner's Office performed an autopsy on the victim. The cause and manner of death are both pending her final determination.

The month long investigation culminated on November 16, 2006 when, Monica M. Miller, a 37-year-old female of the 600 block of Wesley Avenue, Ocean City, New Jersey and Timothy Adams, a 44-year-old male of the 200 block of Patterson Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey were arrested. Both subjects were charged with distributing heroin that was ingested by another person causing the death of that person, a crime of the first degree and distribution of heroin in a quantity of less than one half ounce, a crime of the third degree. Bail for both subjects was set at \$100,000.00 full cash and both were lodged in the County Correctional Center. Persons convicted of a first degree crime may be incarcerated in the New Jersey State Prison up to twenty years and a third degree crime up to five years.

Prosecutor Taylor commended the cooperative effort of officers from all of the agencies involved with the successful resolution of this investigation.

This investigation is on going to determine if the suspected heroin was laced with Fentanyl, a highly potent analgesic that has been linked to numerous overdose deaths in Cape May County and the Philadelphia region.