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Poison on the Streets: Dealer Arrested for Homicide in Fatal Fentanyl Sales Case – Citrus Heights, CA

Citrus Heights Detectives announce the arrest of 34-year-old Collin Reed Holcomb for homicide in a fatal fentanyl sales case following the poisoning and death of 33-year-old Bradley Mitchell in February of this year. Detectives conducted a several-month-long investigation collecting digital evidence and interviewing multiple parties. Last night, Holcomb was taken into custody by Citrus Heights Police General Investigation Detectives and Impact Detectives following surveillance of the suspect's apartment in Davis. A residential search warrant was served, and Detectives located additional illegal narcotics inside the apartment along with a child. Holcomb was booked for his PC 187 (Murder) Sacramento County arrest warrant into the Yolo County jail.

On February 15, 2024, around 4:45 pm, Citrus Heights Police were contacted regarding a male subject who was having a medical emergency and not breathing. Officers responded to the 7900 block of Madison Avenue and located a male subject who was deceased. That male victim was later identified as 33-year-old Bradley Mitchell. Parties at the residence stated Mitchell had likely overdosed and that the Narcan they administered had not revived him.

Detectives began an investigation into the prior several days' worth of activity that occurred before his death. Detectives uncovered evidence showing Holcomb had sold fentanyl to Mitchell.

Detectives authored a homicide arrest warrant and worked closely with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office for the filing. *Holcomb could be one of the first homicide fentanyl poisoning case convictions in Sacramento County*, a significant step in solidifying the seriousness of fentanyl sales and the District Attorney's resolve to hold those who poison our communities accountable.

Earlier this week, Citrus Heights Impact Detectives conducted surveillance on Holcomb at his apartment in Davis, California. Last night, Citrus Heights Police Detectives and Davis Police Detectives, took Holcomb into custody outside his apartment. A subsequent residential search warrant was executed inside the apartment and

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detectives recovered additional illegal narcotics. Yolo County Child Protective Services (CPS) was also contacted and assisted for a child living at the residence.

The Citrus Heights Police Department appreciates the efforts of those involved in apprehending this suspect, and we thank our partners at the Davis Police Department and Yolo County Child Protective Services for their assistance and support.

The Citrus Heights Police Department and Sacramento County District Attorney's Office are committed to taking a hard stance against those who poison our communities with fentanyl and will ensure that those responsible for such lethal actions are brought to justice swiftly and decisively, said Citrus Heights Police Investigations Lieutenant Wesley Herman.

Anyone with information about this crime, or any Citrus Heights crime, is encouraged to contact the Citrus Heights Police Department Crime Tip Line at 916-727-5524. If you would like to remain anonymous and share information leading to the arrest or conviction of a crime, you can be considered for an award by contacting the Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers tip hotline at (916) 443-HELP.



Collin Holcomb – Arrested (Murder)