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SIX ARRESTED FOLLOWING DEATH INVESTIGATION

Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that six individuals were arrested today in connection with the death investigation of Danelle McGovern (Keim) who was pronounced dead on February 9, 2013, after being found unresponsive in her Destrehan, Louisiana home.

McGovern's autopsy report concluded that she had a lethal amount of Methylone (MDMC) found in her body, which caused visceral congestion & edema and epicardial petechial hemorrhage. The cause of death was ruled as an overdose.

Methylone (MDMC) is a synthetic stimulant drug listed as a Schedule 1, controlled dangerous substance. It was previously one of the many non-controlled designer drugs that are also called bath salts.

During this investigation, detectives were able to establish a trail of evidence for individuals who provided the drugs that resulted in McGovern's death.

The following individuals were arrested on warrants that were issued on April 19, 2013.

Savoie, who was the victim's boyfriend at the time admitted to internally administering "Mollies" to McGovern before her death. The drug administered is a SCH I CDS – MDMC.

Buse, Johnson, Chisholm, McNeil, and Demarco were charged after being involved in the sale and distribution of the narcotics that directly led to the victim's death.

Chisholm is charged as a Principle to 2nd Degree Murder for being involved in arranging the transfer of the drugs.

Mc Neil is charged with Distribution of a Schedule I Controlled Dangerous Substance and Illegal Use of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in the presence of a Person under the age of 17, for sale of drugs not part of this incident, but witnessed during this investigation.

Demarco is charged with Distribution of a Schedule II Controlled Dangerous Substance, when drugs were located during a search warrant related to this investigation.

Savoie, Matthew J.

47A Brandon Hall, Destrehan, LA

DOB: 3-11-85

CHGS: 2nd Degree Murder, Dist./Manufacture or Poss. With Intent of SCH I Controlled Dangerous Substance

Date and Time of Arrest: April 22, 2013 1100 Hours

Location of Arrest: 260 Judge Edward Dufresne Pkwy. Luling, LA.

Buse, Theresa C.

255 River Village Drive, Destrehan, LA

DOB: 7-20-85

CHGS: 2nd Degree Murder, Dist./Manufacture or Poss. With Intent of SCH I Controlled Dangerous Substance, Poss. Of Schedule II Controlled Dangerous Substance, Poss. Of Schedule IV Controlled Dangerous Substance (2Cts) and Possession with the intent to distribute a Legend Drug.

Date & Time of Arrest: April 22, 2013 1100 Hours

Location of Arrest: 260 Judge Edward Dufresne Pkwy. Luling, LA.

Johnson, Adrienne D.

3816 2nd Street, New Orleans, LA

DOB: 11-20-87

CHGS: 2nd Degree Murder, Principle to Distribution of a Schedule I Controlled Dangerous Substance and Illegal Use of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in the Presence of a Person under the age of 17.

Date & Time of Arrest: April 22, 2013 1100 Hours

Location of Arrest: 260 Judge Edward Dufresne Pkwy. Luling, LA.

Chisholm, Michael D.

30A Brandon Hall Drive, Destrehan, LA

DOB: 10-29-84

CHGS: Principal to 2nd Degree Murder, Principal to Dist./Manufacture or Poss. With Intent of SCH I Controlled Dangerous Substance

Date & Time of Arrest: April 22, 2013 1100 Hours

Location of Arrest: 260 Judge Edward Dufresne Pkwy. Luling, LA.

McNeil, Willie

3816 2nd Street

New Orleans, LA

DOB: 8-31-75

CHGS: Distribution of a Schedule I Controlled Dangerous Substance and Illegal Use of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in the presence of a Person under the age of 17.

Date & Time of Arrest: April 22, 2013 1100 Hours
Location of Arrest: 260 Judge Edward Dufresne Pkwy. Luling, LA.

Demarco, Rachel N.

243 Halsey Drive

Harahan, LA

DOB: 6-9-86

CHGS: Distribution of a Schedule II Controlled Dangerous Substance

Date & Time of Arrest: April 22, 2013 1100 Hours

Location of Arrest: 260 Judge Edward Dufresne Pkwy. Luling, LA.

Below is the Louisiana Revised Statute applicable to these arrests.

§30.1. Second degree murder

A. Second degree murder is the killing of a human being:

- (1) When the offender has a specific intent to kill or to inflict great bodily harm; or
- (2) When the offender is engaged in the perpetration or attempted perpetration of aggravated rape, forcible rape, aggravated arson, aggravated burglary, aggravated kidnapping, second degree kidnapping, aggravated escape, assault by drive-by shooting, armed robbery, first degree robbery, second degree robbery, simple robbery, cruelty to juveniles, second degree cruelty to juveniles, or terrorism, even though he has no intent to kill or to inflict great bodily harm.
- (3) When the offender unlawfully distributes or dispenses a controlled dangerous substance listed in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law*, or any combination thereof, which is the direct cause of the death of the recipient who ingested or consumed the controlled dangerous substance.

(4) When the offender unlawfully distributes or dispenses a controlled dangerous substance listed in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law*, or any combination thereof, to another who subsequently distributes or dispenses such controlled dangerous substance which is the direct cause of the death of the person who ingested or consumed the controlled dangerous substance.

B. Whoever commits the crime of second degree murder shall be punished by life imprisonment at hard labor without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

Added by Acts 1973, No. 111, §1. Amended by Acts 1975, No. 380, §1; Acts 1976, No. 657, §2; Acts 1977, No. 121, §1; Acts 1978, No. 796, §1; Acts 1979, No. 74, §1, eff. June 29, 1979; Acts 1987, No. 465, §1; Acts 1987, No. 653, §1; Acts 1993, No. 496, §1; Acts 1997, No. 563, §1; Acts 1997, No. 899, §1; Acts 2006, No. 53, §1; Acts 2008, No. 451, §2, eff. June 25, 2008; Acts 2009, No. 155, §1.

*NOTE: R.S. 40:961 et seq.