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Michael McIntyre Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison After Drug Sale Leads to Overdose Death

On Thursday, December 2, 2021, Michael McIntyre (DOB: 3/7/1986) pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 20 years in state prison for the death of Chelsea Price that occurred on August 11, 2020. He pled guilty to Manslaughter, Trafficking Methamphetamine, and Possession with Intent to Distribute.

"This is another successful investigation of a poison peddler who caused an overdose death facing consequences for murder in Flagler County from selling drugs," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Our detectives did a great job and worked with the State Attorney's Office to take this poison peddler off the streets and put him behind bars before he could cause another death. I hope this helps bring healing to the family of Chelsea Price and a warning to other poison peddlers – we investigate every overdose death as a murder and you will be next to go to state prison."

McIntyre was initially taken into custody by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Special Investigation Unit (SIU) and Major Case Detectives during an undercover operation in Bunnell and has been in custody since that arrest in February 2021. On October 4, 2021, he was arrested and for the additional charge of First-Degree Murder by Unlawful Distribution of a Controlled Substance. He is being held at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility under no bond until his transfer to the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) to start his prison sentence.

Original Release Date: October 5, 2021 Original Release #: 2021-227

Michael McIntyre Indicted for 1st Degree Murder

On October 4, 2021, the State Attorney's Office was granted an indictment from the Flagler County Grand Jury in connection with the death of Chelsea Price that occurred on August 11, 2020. The Grand Jury found there was sufficient probable cause to believe that Michael McIntyre (DOB: 3/7/1986) supplied the Fentanyl to Price, which ultimately caused her death at age 33.



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Michael McIntyre (DOB: 3/7/1986) at the time of jail booking.

On August 11, 2020, FCSO responded to a call about a death at a residence on Edmond Place. Chelsea Price was found deceased and it was later determined that Price died after a fentanyl overdose. The Medical Examiner's Office found that she had ten times the amount of Fentanyl necessary to kill an adult in her system. The investigation led detectives to McIntyre as the seller of the Fentanyl.

McIntyre's criminal history dates back to 2009 in Flagler County for Possession of Marijuana Under 20 Grams, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device to Facilitate a Felony, Possession of Heroin with Intent to Sell, and Trafficking Methamphetamine 14 Grams or Over.

"I want to thank the Grand Jury, the prosecutor, and all the detectives for their excellent work in obtaining this indictment," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "The poison sold to the victim by McIntyre wound up taking her life and the result was tragic. Let this be a reminder to drug dealers to keep your poison out of Flagler County and know that we investigate every overdose death as a murder! Kill someone selling your poison and you will join McIntyre and other poison peddlers in prison for a very long time."

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