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Indictments in Heroin Overdose Death

The Newburgh Heights Police Department, in cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, is announcing indictments of two female suspects for their involvement into the death of another by way of a heroin overdose.

On Monday, May 26, 2014 at approximately 3:00 p.m., the Newburgh Heights Police and Fire Departments responded to a 9-1-1 emergency call reporting an unresponsive male behind the Speedway gas station on Harvard Avenue. Upon their arrival they found the victim, Anthony Ashby, age 42, lying on the ground in the rear parking area. Ashby appeared to have been suffering from a heroin overdose. He was transported to Metro Hospital where he was placed on life support and died two days later, never regaining consciousness.

Video surveillance of the area showed a green four door sedan in the parking lot where two females were seen exiting the vehicle and shortly thereafter one walks away while the other drives away thus leaving the victim for dead.

Through a comprehensive investigation the female driver was identified as Patricia Kane, a registered nurse, who resides in Amherst, Ohio. The second female was identified as Marla Fanara who is currently incarcerated in the Marysville Reformatory for Women on unrelated charges.

Both were indicted on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 by a Cuyahoga County Grand Jury for charges relating to the death of the victim.

The charges and suspect information is on the following page.



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Suspect #1:

Patricia Kane, age 60
70 Mirage Avenue, Amherst, Ohio

Charges:

Involuntary Manslaughter
Corrupting another with drugs
Tampering with evidence
Drug trafficking
Permitting drug abuse



Suspect #2

Marla Fanara, age 44
Currently incarcerated in Marysville Reformatory

Charges:

Involuntary Manslaughter
Corrupting another with drugs
Tampering with evidence
Drug trafficking

Victim Information:

Anthony Ashby, age 42, residing in Valley City, Ohio



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Video Surveillance from Speedway gas station showing females leaving victim at scene:

