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NEW YORK WOMAN CHARGED WITH PROVIDING HEROIN TO LAKELAND MAN WHO DIED FROM AN OVERDOSE

_____ Tampa, FL - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that Donna Maria Moore (age 48, of New York, New York) today made her first appearance in federal court in New York, New York, after being arrested yesterday on a criminal complaint in the Middle District of Florida charging her with distribution of heroin resulting in the death of Christopher Friar (age 30, of Lakeland, Florida). If convicted Moore faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years in federal prison.

According to the criminal complaint, Moore mailed from her home in New York to Friar's residence located at 5211 Meffena St. Lakeland, FL several small packets of heroin in an envelope addressed to Friar. On April 1, 2009 Friar's mother found him in his bathroom, unresponsive. A medical examiner determined that Friar had died from heroin intoxication.

_____ This case was investigated by the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration. It will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James Muench.