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PLEASANT VALLEY MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON ON CHARGE OF DISTRIBUTING METHADONE CAUSING DEATH

DAVENPORT, IA- On November 3, 2011, Johnathen Michael Anderson, age 21, of Pleasant Valley, Iowa, was sentenced to 60 months imprisonment, by United States District Court Judge Robert W. Pratt, after pleading guilty to distribution of methadone resulting in death, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Anderson was also sentenced to serve at least three years supervised release after serving this prison sentence and ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the crime victims fund. On September 2, 2011, co-defendant Colby Jay Josvanger was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment.

On February 7, 2009, eighteen year old Zachary Sullivan was found deceased in a Pleasant Valley residence. After a joint Scott County Sheriff's Office/Davenport Police Department investigation, Colby Jay Josvanger and Johnathen Michael Anderson were charged with distribution of methadone resulting in death. During the time period of February 4, 2009, to February 6, 2009, Anderson, Sullivan and others made three trips to the residence of Colby Jay Josvanger in Davenport and purchased methadone. Anderson had previously purchased marijuana from Josvanger and knew that Josvanger possessed methadone with the intent to distribute. Anderson arranged for the distribution of methadone to others, including the victim Zachary Sullivan. Anderson also distributed methadone received during these purchases to others.

Prior to February 4, 2009, Colby Jay Josvanger was accepted for substance abuse treatment at the Cedar Valley Recovery Services in Marion, Iowa. During the time period including February 4-6, 2009, as part of this drug treatment, Josvanger was prescribed take home quantities of methadone in a dosage amount of 150mg of methadone per day. As part of his treatment, Josvanger was advised via a video and in written materials of the dangers of distributing his doses of methadone to other individuals.

On February 5, 2009, Colby Josvanger distributed methadone on two separate occasions to a group of individuals that included Johnathen Anderson and Zachary Sullivan. On February 6, 2009, Anderson, and Zachary Sullivan, and others drove to the residence of Colby Josvanger. On February 6, 2009, Anderson made arrangements for the distribution of methadone to Sullivan and others, and also received additional quantities of methadone for distribution to others. After receiving more methadone on February 6, 2009, Zachary Sullivan ingested the methadone. On February 7, 2009, Zachary Sullivan died as a result of polysubstance abuse, including usage of the methadone provided on February 6, 2009.

The investigation was conducted by the Scott County, Iowa, Sheriff's Office and the Davenport, Iowa, Police Department, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.