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Los Angeles County Woman Charged with Murder for Fatal Fentanyl Overdose

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Charity Faith Wiley (DOB 09/21/85), of Reseda, has been charged with second-degree murder for the death of a Simi Valley man. Wiley is accused of selling a deadly synthetic drug mixture of fentanyl and xylazine to the victim who overdosed and died. She is also charged with 17 additional felonies related to her alleged drug possession, sales activity, and transfer of a firearm. Wiley faces several special allegations, including that the victim was vulnerable and the crime involved a large quantity of contraband.

On June 6, 2024, the Ventura County Fentanyl and Overdose Crimes Units (VC FOCUS) responded to a residence in unincorporated Simi Valley for an apparent overdose. Drugs and drug paraphernalia were allegedly found in the victim's room. Toxicology showed a lethal amount of fentanyl and xylazine in his system. Through the investigation, VC FOCUS identified Charity Wiley as the source of the drugs. Wiley was arrested by VC FOCUS and officers with the Simi Valley Police Department on March 5, 2025, at her home in Los Angeles County.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Audry Nafziger, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Major Crimes Narcotics Unit, is prosecuting the case.

Wiley made her first court appearance today and her arraignment was continued to March 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. She remains in custody with bail set at \$750,000.

Fentanyl is a highly addictive and often deadly synthetic drug. It is estimated to be 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. Fentanyl is one of the most common drugs associated with overdose deaths in the United States.

In 2024, the Ventura County Medical Examiner reported 200 overdose deaths. Fentanyl was found in the system of 113 of the overdose victims. The Ventura County District Attorney's Office will seek to aggressively prosecute those that sell, furnish, or distribute fentanyl.

The public is urged to learn more about the dangers of fentanyl, how to find resources for people struggling with addiction, and where to get overdose rescue kits. This information can be found at ThinkAgainVC.com.

Case: 2025004926

Defendant Information:

Charity Faith Wiley (DOB 09/21/85)
Reseda

Charges:

- PC 187(a) – Second degree murder
- (4 counts) HS 11352(a) – Sale/transportation/offer to sell/import for sale a controlled substance
- HS 11379(a) – Sale/transport/offer to sell a controlled substance
- (3 counts) HS 11351 – Possession for sale of a controlled substance -
- (2 counts) HS 11378 – Possession for sale of a controlled substance –
- (2 counts) HS 11370.1(a) – Possession of a controlled substance with firearm
- HS 11375(b)(1) – Possession for sale of a designated controlled substance
- (3 counts) PC 27545 – Unlawful transfer of firearm
- PC 182(a)(1) – Conspiracy to commit a crime

Special Allegations:

- PC 781 – Offenses in multiple jurisdictions
- PC 790(a) – Jurisdiction
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(a)(10) – The crime involved a large quantity of contraband
- CRC 4.421(a)(2) – The defendant was armed with and used a weapon
- CRC 4.421(a)(4) – The defendant induced another to participate
- CRC 4.421(a)(8) – The manner in which the crime was carried out indicates planning, sophistication, or professionalism