



PRESS RELEASE

On March 7, 2017, at approximately 5:03PM, the DeKalb Police Department responded to a residence in the 800 block of South 4th Street to Assist the DeKalb Fire Department with an unresponsive female. The female was found to be deceased and the DeKalb County Coroner's Office was called to respond to the scene. The victim was identified as Lauren L. Taylor, 30 years old, who recently moved to DeKalb.

During the subsequent investigation, investigators learned that in the hours prior to her death, Taylor had consumed a quantity of a Buprenorphine, a controlled substance. Investigators further learned that Taylor was delivered a quantity of Buprenorphine by Charles Koch.

On March 8, 2017, an undercover operation was conducted in Aurora, Illinois by the members of the Kendall County Cooperative Police Assistance Team and the DeKalb Police Department, which resulted in the arrest of Koch for Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance. Koch was charged in Kane County.

An autopsy and medical examination was conducted by the DeKalb County Coroner's Office. The autopsy findings revealed Lauren Taylor's immediate cause of death was due to a combined intoxication of substances which included Buprenorphine, an opioid.

As a result of the investigation, a DeKalb County arrest warrant was obtained for Charles A. Koch, 24 years old, of Aurora. Koch was charged with Drug-Induced Homicide. Koch was arrested on the warrant by the United States Marshall's Service Task Force. Koch is currently incarcerated at the DeKalb County Jail.

The DeKalb Police Department was assisted in the investigation by the Kendall County Cooperative Police Assistance Team and the Oswego Police Department.

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The contents of this press release are based upon the best information available to the DeKalb Police Department. The statements regarding the conduct of any person identified above are allegations until affirmatively proven in Court. All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty.