

- (WILL BE UPDATED UPON RESOLVE)
 - D.O.D - Injured February 1, approx. 2:30A.M., died February 3
 - P.O.D - 2149 North Hartford Avenue, Edenwood Apartments
 - C.O.D - Fentanyl overdose
 - Victim - Unidentified girl (2 years old)
 - Suspect(s) - Njerin Samuel (25 year old mother), Eric Jones (boyfriend of mother, age unconfirmed)
 - Details - Police were called out about a possible overdose to 2149 N. Hartford Ave., by Eric Jones, who said on 911 he came home and found his girlfriend's little girl on the ground outside injured, and that she must have eaten something she found outside. When police arrived, they transported the young girl to the hospital in critical condition, and questioned Jones some more, who changed his story. He told police he actually found the girl and his girlfriend asleep on a bed in the bedroom, and he had to wake his girlfriend to tell her something was wrong with the baby. The girlfriend / child's mother, Njerin Samuel, told police she also saw blue residue around the child's nose.
- The child died on February 3 in the hospital. Upon investigating, police found heavy evidence of fentanyl use in the apartment where Samuel resided with 5 kids. They also questioned her 5-year-old son, who told detectives he saw his little sister get into "mommy's blue nose medicine." Samuel, who was earlier investigated by DHS after she gave birth with fentanyl in her system, later admitted to detectives that she crushed up blue fentanyl pills to snort them, and the last time she did she had gotten really high and forgot where she put them.
- Samuel was arrested and charged with second-degree murder and child abuse / neglect. Jones had initially told detectives that he didn't know anything about Samuel's drug use, but a witness later told police that Jones texted them last month asking for help because Samuel was really drugged out. An arrest warrant for the same charges was put out for Eric Jones, and he was taken into custody at the end of May.

Court Outcome:

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Victim

Suspect(s) Eric Jones, Njerin Samuels