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## WCSCO arrests woman for death by distribution, first charge of it's kind in Watauga

Other man to face similar charges once released from jail on unrelated case

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Angelina G. Miller.

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WATAUGA — The Watauga County Sheriff's Office has charged a woman with death by distribution in what is the first charge of its kind in the county.

Angelina G. Miller, 30, was arrested by the Alexander County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, June 3, after WCSO notified Alexander County that she was likely in the area.

The secured bond for the death by distribution charge was set at \$500,000 by Alexander County Magistrate's Office. She received a court date for June 28, at 9 a.m. in Watauga County District Court.

According to the Watauga County warrant, Miller allegedly “unlawfully, willfully, and feloniously did sell narcotics, Fentanyl, which” killed someone due to an overdose of the Fentanyl. The warrant notes that the “offender did not act with malice.”

According to WCSO, on March 14, at 9:30 a.m., WCSO, Boone Fire Department, Watauga Rescue and Watauga Medics responded to 1571 Little Laurel Road in Boone in reference to a drug overdose. The victim, Karma L. Greenlee, was transported to Watauga Medical Center and later passed away due to overdose complications from Fentanyl.

WCSO detectives began an investigation into the suspected overdose with assistance from the Boone Police Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Alexander County Sheriff's Office and the Hickory Police Department. Two suspects were identified for allegedly selling and distributing the Fentanyl that killed Greenlee: William M. Oxentine, of Johnson County, Tennessee, and Angelina G. Miller, of Catawba County.



After the investigation, the case was presented to the Watauga County District Attorney's Office, where charges were approved. Miller and Oxentine then had warrants issued for their arrest for Death by Distribution. Miller was taken into custody in Alexander County on June 3. Oxentine is currently being held in the Carter County Tennessee Detention Facility on unrelated charges out of Tennessee. Oxentine will be served with the Death by Distribution charge once he has served his current time on the unrelated charges in Tennessee.

"Watauga County has seen a large increase in overdose deaths due to Fentanyl distribution," WCSO said in a statement. "Detectives and officers have worked hard on tracking down the sources and distributors in efforts to prevent additional unnecessary deaths. This is the first time in Watauga County that the offense of death by distribution has been charged."

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The Watauga County Sheriff's Office also stated they would like to extend their "deepest sympathies and condolences to the friends and family of the Greenlee's, as well as all friends and families who have lost a loved one in connection to the Fentanyl epidemic."

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