



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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The Dover Police Department and the Office of The Chief Medical Examiner is investigating the death of Ashley McLaren, 22.

At approximately 5:00 PM on February 28, 2016, Dover Police and Dover Fire and Rescue responded to McLaren's residence on Summer Street after she was found unresponsive. McLaren was transported to Wentworth-Douglas Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

While the cause and manner of McLaren's death will ultimately be determined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, at this time it appears to be a drug overdose.

A second female, 25 years old, who lives at the residence also suffered an overdose. She was also transported to Wentworth-Douglas Hospital where she was treated and subsequently released.

If in fact McLaren's death is due to a drug overdose, it will be the second in Dover in 2016, both of which are suspected to be heroin and/or fentanyl overdoses.

This case is being investigated by the Dover Police Department's Special Investigations Bureau. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646. Anonymous tips may be called into the Dover Crimeline at 603-749-6000. The Dover Crimeline can also be contacted via www.dovernhcrimeline.org.

Media inquiries concerning this case can be directed to Lt. Brant Dolleman of the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646 or b.dolleman@dover.nh.gov.