



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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DOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATING UNTIMELY DEATHS

DOVER, NH, December 24, 2019 - Chief William Breault of the Dover Police Department announces the Dover Police Department and the Office of The Chief Medical Examiner are investigating the deaths of Anthony Furina, 39, and Jessica Donnell, 28.

At approximately 9:45 AM on December 23, the Dover Police and Dover Fire and Rescue responded to Furina and Donnell's Mt. Vernon Street residence after they were both found unresponsive by friends. Both Furina and Donnell were found to be deceased by the responding officers and paramedics.

While the cause and manner of the deaths will ultimately be determined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, based on the investigation to date they both appear to be drug related.

If in fact these deaths are due to drug overdoses, they will be the seventh and eighth confirmed in Dover in 2019, which had twelve suspected drug related deaths in 2018. The Dover Police Department has responded to thirty-six non-fatal drug overdoses in 2019.

If you or someone you know is experiencing an addiction-related crisis or looking for support, we encourage you to visit SOS Recovery Community Organization at 4 Broadway in Dover. The center is open Monday from 12-8pm, Tuesday through Friday from 9am-8pm and Saturday from 12-8pm. They can also be reached at (603) 841-2350. The NH Statewide Addiction Crisis Line is available 24/7 at 1.844.711.4357 (HELP).

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.

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