

The Henderson County Sheriffs' Office arrested an Asheville man this morning, on charges of 2nd degree murder. Nikolas Ramiro Flores, 19 years of age, of 101-B Cessna Way, was arrested as a result of a true bill handed down by the Henderson County Grand Jury on Tuesday, January the 20th. The charge stemmed from an investigation into the death of Christopher Thomas Waters 19 years of age. Waters was found dead by family members at his home at 114 Amywood Lane in Mills River, on August 11th of 2008.

Sheriffs' investigators were able to determine that Waters had died as a result of acute drug toxicity or "overdose" from methadone. Further investigation revealed that Flores had illegally provided the schedule II narcotic to the victim contributing to the cause of death. North Carolina statutes specifically address the issue of a death caused as the result of a criminal activity such as the illegal distribution of a controlled substance. .

Sheriff Rick Davis reiterates that... "We will always pursue the course of charging those who contribute to the death of others while pursuing their own criminal interests wherever the law allows. Those who choose to sell or distribute illegal drugs in this county must understand that they alone are responsible for the effects of that product on the life and welfare of others."

Flores was booked into the Henderson County Detention Center and placed under a 50,000 dollar secured bond.

