



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Organized Crime Bureau / Investigative B Unit

Date: 08/04/2024

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Type of Offense/Incident: Drug Trafficking/ Involuntary Manslaughter  
Time:

Date: 09/05/2024

Location of Offense/Incident: 277 N. Warren Ave.

Zone: 3

Precinct: 19

Incident Report #:

Cruiser District: 192

Victim:	Sex:	Race:	Age:
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Suspect: Jose Garcia-Huerta	Address: 85 Dering Ave.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M      Race: H      Age: 26
Charges: 20 Felony Counts	
Suspect: Jovany Avila	Address: 85 Dering Ave.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M      Race: H      Age: 18
Charges: Juvenile Count - Involuntary Manslaughter	

Incident Summary:

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Approved By: CMDR. Aimee Haley      Assignment: OCB CMDR

On September 5, 2023, the Columbus Police Organized Crime Bureau (OCB) responded to 227 N. Warren Ave. on a fatal overdose. It was discovered that a 13 year old child had overdosed on a combination of Cocaine and fentanyl.

First responding Patrol Officers observed packaged narcotics in plain view when entering the home. The home was secured and a search warrant obtained by Detectives. The search resulted in the seizure of approximately 8 Kilograms of narcotics, to include Fentanyl, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, and Crack Cocaine. Additionally, 2 firearms were recovered.

Narcotics Detectives with the Columbus Police, Organized Crime Bureau initiated an investigation as a result of the evidence seized.

Detectives utilized the Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center, ONIC, to examine various electronic devices seized throughout the investigation. The information obtained proved to be of great value and lead to several more major drug seizures.

On November 9, 2023, through the process of this investigation, a semi-tractor trailer was intercepted coming from California to Ohio. Israel Garcia, the semi driver, was arrested after 15 kilos of cocaine were discovered in the cab of the semi. Mr. Garcia recounted delivering 17 kilos being delivered to Jovany Avila at the direction of Ema Loza.

On January 10, 2024, Ema Loza was arrested by the Columbus Police following a traffic stop. A felony amount of narcotics were discovered on Ms. Loza's person.

On January 25, 2024, Narcotics Detectives with the Columbus Police, Organized Crime Bureau conducted a search warrant at 85 Dering Ave. Nearly 2 kilos of drugs were seized along with additional evidence of an operational Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO).

Detectives identified the DTO members to be; Ema Loza, Jovany Avila, Jose Huerta, and Lezly Avila.

On August 2, 2024, the Franklin County Grand Jury Indicted:

**Ema Lilia Loza-De Leon**

19, F-1s

1, F-2

2, F-3s

2, F-4s

3, F-5s

These charges include

Involuntary Manslaughter F-1

Endangering Children F-3

Engaging in Corrupt Activity F-2

ALL CHARGES carry at least a “Use of Firearm”, a “MDO Major Drug Offender” spec, or both

Lezly Avila

10, F-1s

4, F-2s

These charges include 2 counts of Engaging in Corrupt Activity

ALL CHARGES from our carry at least a “Use of Firearm”, a “MDO Major Drug Offender” spec, or both

Jose Garcia-Huerta

16, F-1s

4, F-2s

These charges include 2 counts of Engaging in Corrupt Activity

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Jovany Avila

1 Juvenile Warrant filed for Involuntary Manslaughter

Jovany turned 18 this April and was only 17 when Ulises OD'd

Juvenile Prosecutor will seek a Bind Over this week.

If Bound Over, Jovany's charges will mirror Ema's