

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

## CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

-vs-

Noelle E Tenpas  
N6115 Woodland Road  
Sheboygan, WI 53083  
DOB: 12/29/1983  
Sex/Race: F/W  
Alias: Noel E Tenpas

DA Case No.: 2008SB005947  
Assigned DA/ADA: Joe DeCecco  
Agency Case No.: SPD08-0084 211  
Court Case No.: 2008

Defendant.

Lt. Jeffrey Johnston, Sheboygan Police Department, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says on information and belief:

**Count 1: FIRST DEGREE RECKLESS HOMICIDE**

The above-named defendant on Friday, November 14, 2008, in the City of Sheboygan, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of Amy L. Gockman, DOB 12/18/74, by the delivery or manufacture of a Schedule I or II controlled substance, Methadone, in violation of sec. 961.41 Wis. Stats., which Amy L. Gockman used, dying as a result of that use, contrary to sec. 940.02(2)(a), 939.50(3)(c) Wis. Stats., a Class C Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than forty (40) years, or both.

The basis of complainant's charge of such offense is: Official reports prepared by Detective Matthew Walsh of the Sheboygan Police Department, and other reports of officers of that Department as noted below. Said reports indicate that on November 14, 2008 at about 8:00 p.m., Officer Kevin Dietz was dispatched to 2315 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street in the City and County of Sheboygan upon report of a medical emergency. Upon arrival, fire department paramedics were treating an adult woman subsequently identified as Amy L. Gockman, DOB 12/18/74.

The officer made contact with a person who identified herself as Noelle E. Tenpas, DOB 12/29/83, the Defendant and a friend of Amy's. The Defendant stated that Amy had taken 60 mg of Methadone in liquid form and had just "passed out" on the house's porch. The Defendant stated she dragged Amy from the porch into the house and laid her on the living room floor. The Defendant stated Amy went in and out of consciousness. The Defendant stated Amy's cousin, "Jessica", came to the house as the result of their telephone conversation that Amy

wasn't doing so well. Upon the arrival of "Jessica", the Defendant stated "Jessica" observed Amy lying on the floor with a purplish color to her lips, and dialed 911. Amy was transported to Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center where hospital personnel did not believe she would survive.

"Jessica" was subsequently fully identified as Jessica S. Engstrom, DOB 7/18/74, and told detective Walsh of her belief that the Defendant had provided Amy with the Methadone, and agreed to perform a one-party consent recorded telephone call to the Defendant. During the course of this conversation, the Defendant admitted to Jessica that the Defendant had provided Amy with the 60 mg of Methadone.

In the early morning hours of November 15, 2008, the Gockman family decided to remove Amy's life support and Amy was declared dead at 3:28 a.m. The County Coroner took custody of Amy's body and transported her to the County Morgue.

Said reports indicate that on November 15, 2008 at 10:30 a.m., Dr. Mark Witeck, Forensic Pathologist, conducted an autopsy of Amy Gockman. Detective Walsh was present and was informed by Dr. Witeck that his initial conclusion as to the cause of Amy's death was a drug overdose based on his autopsy observations and physical history of events leading to Amy passing out. Blood samples were taken to identify any drugs present. Detective Walsh notes in his reports that Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center staff informed him that they cannot screen blood samples for opiates or Methadone. Dr. Witeck stated that a 60 mg dose of Methadone could kill a person.

In the late afternoon of November 15, 2008, Detective Walsh conducted a recorded interview with the Defendant at the Sheboygan Police Department. The Defendant stated that prior to her arrival at the 2315 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street residence, she and Amy had talked about Amy wanting to get high, so the Defendant brought some Methadone in a bottle in her purse to the residence. The Defendant stated the Defendant took 80 mg of Methadone, using a syringe without a needle to measure and that Amy took 40 mg from the bottle using the syringe and drank it. The Defendant stated another person at the residence took 10 mg and there was about 20 mg of Methadone left in the bottle, which Amy drank after mixing it with water. The Defendant explained that she had previously taken 175 mg but is now down to 80 mg.

The Defendant stated she has delivered Methadone to Amy on numerous previous occasions, but that Amy would only take 40 mg. The Defendant stated the Defendant previously was on a Methadone program, but quit about a year or so ago, declining to tell the

Detective her source of obtaining the Methadone since leaving the program.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 18th day of November, 2008,  
and approved for filing:

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Attorney  
Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

\_\_\_\_\_  
Complainant