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Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that on March 2, 2016, detectives with the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office responded to 128 Commercial Place in Destrehan regarding the death of Richard Keller Jr, which was believed to be a drug-related overdose. During this investigation detectives arrested Jaime Hymel and Roderick Hackett and charged them with distribution of heroin and other narcotics related violations.

During the week of June 13, 2016, detectives received a copy of the Coroner's report that was conducted as a result of Richard Keller's death. The report listed the cause of death as multiple drug toxicities, Heroin and Fentanyl overdose and Ethanol Intoxication.

Based on these results, Hackett and Hymel who are currently being held in the Nelson Coleman Correctional Center, were re-booked on the charge of RS 14:30.1 relative to second degree murder.

"Many believe that drug use is a nonviolent crime. Any activity that leads to so many deaths is anything but nonviolent. We vigorously investigate incidents of drug overdoses and will hold those selling or administering these drugs accountable when death occurs. Anyone who either sells or participates in drug use needs to understand that the consequences extend much further than their illegal drug activity, they may also be charged with murder", said Sheriff Champagne.



Jaime Hymel



Roderick Hackett