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PLACERVILLE POLICE ARREST SUSPECT IN
NARCOTICS-RELATED DEATH INVESTIGATION

PLACERVILLE, CA – On August 6, 2026, Placerville Police Department officers responded to the 400 block of Main Street for a report of an unresponsive male. Upon arrival, officers located 24-year-old Dakota Williams of Placerville deceased at the scene.

Following a thorough investigation, Placerville Police Detective Pullmann obtained an arrest warrant for an individual suspected of furnishing the controlled substance that resulted in Williams' death.

On November 18, 2026, Placerville Police officers served the arrest warrant and took 51-year-old James Adkins of Placerville into custody.

During the arrest, Adkins was also found to be in possession of illegal narcotics, drug paraphernalia, and a concealed dirk or dagger. He was subsequently booked into the El Dorado County Jail on the following charges:

Charges Related to the Arrest Warrant:

- 11352(a) HS – Transport or sell a controlled substance
- 12022.7(f)(2) PC – Furnishing a controlled substance causing great bodily injury

Additional Charges:

- 11350(a) HS – Possession of a controlled substance
- 135 PC – Destroy or conceal evidence
- 4573(a) PC – Smuggling a controlled substance into jail
- 21310 PC – Carrying a concealed dirk or dagger

- 11395(b)(1) PC – Possession of a controlled substance with two or more prior convictions

Adkins is currently being held at the El Dorado County Jail with bail set at $190,000.

The investigation and arrest reflect the Placerville Police Department's continued commitment to investigating narcotics-related deaths and holding individuals accountable when evidence supports criminal prosecution.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact Detective Pullmann at (530) 642-5210.