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TELFORD MAN ARRESTED FOR 2ND DEGREE MURDER AFTER DEATH INVESTIGATION

According to Sheriff Ed Graybeal, William E. Britton, age 50, 144 Glaze Rd of Telford has been charged with 2nd Degree Murder after a death investigation which began at Britton's residence in October.

Graybeal said on October 17th 2020 deputies responded to the Glaze Road address on a report of a man down, there deputies found 50 year old Phillip Riddle to be deceased. As a result of the investigation, it was later learned that Riddle's cause of death was due to fentanyl and methamphetamine toxicity. Investigators also found evidence that Britton had provided Riddle with methamphetamine prior to his death.

Investigators also recovered nearly 1 pound of crystal methamphetamine, with a street value of over \$49,000 and \$9700 cash from a floor safe belonging to Britton.

The death investigation case was presented to a Grand Jury earlier this month and a true bill was issued for Britton charging him with 2nd degree murder.

Earlier today Britton was arrested and is currently being held at the Washington County Detention Center on a 250,000 dollar bond. Britton will be scheduled to appear in a Washington County Criminal Court later this year.

This investigation is ongoing and more charges are pending.



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