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Suspect Sentenced in Narcotics Distribution Case

Pasadena, CA – On September 11, 2020, Pasadena Police responded to seven drug overdose incidents in the City of Pasadena. Three of the overdose victims did not survive and subsequently died. As a result of these deaths, the Pasadena Police Department's Major Narcotics/Special Investigations Section launched an investigation that led to the identification and arrest of Maria Bolanos-Hernandez on September 16, 2020.

Investigators at the Drug Enforcement Administration partnered with the Pasadena Police Department's Major Narcotics Section for prosecution on this case. On August 29, 2022, Bolanos-Hernandez pled guilty to Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C). Bolanos-Hernandez was sentenced to 15 years in Federal prison.

Although, the deaths of three victims have forever impacted loved ones, friends and our community, the Pasadena Police Department hopes this verdict and sentencing provides a measure of closure for those left behind by those victims.

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