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Columbus man indicted in connection with overdose death of Baltimore Man.

[Lancaster, Ohio, April 14, 2016] “The Fairfield County Grand Jury Indicted Shawn W. Point, Friday April 8, 2016 after Detectives presented a case in which a Baltimore man died in connection with ingesting illicit drugs he obtained from a Columbus man,” stated Sheriff Dave Phalen.

On September 13, 2015, emergency personnel and law enforcement officials from the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office, Baltimore Police Department and the Coroner’s office arrived at 125 Vivian Ln Apt 1 Baltimore, Ohio home of Nicholas J. Cline, 34. He had died while sitting in his wheel chair at his apartment. Investigators determined the death appeared to be drug related and looked for other evidence of illicit drugs at the scene.

The Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office Detectives and Ed Breining from the Coroner’s Office began investigating this incident and determined after the autopsy the drugs taken by the deceased contained fentanyl, a drug commonly used to treat pain; being mixed with other commonly abused drugs. A care giver found the victim after coming to check on him and then called our office. The suspect, Shawn W. Point was at the apartment when the care giver initially arrived.

“Detectives have been working with investigators from other law enforcement agencies on similar incidents where a death occurred under suspicious circumstances involving Point,” stated Lt. Tim Voris Detective Bureau Commander.

Charges in indictment (1) count of Involuntary Manslaughter (F-1) punishable by up to 10 years in a state prison and up to a \$20,000 dollar fine. Charges count two of Reckless Homicide (F-3) punishable by up to 36 months in a state prison and up to a \$10,000 dollar fine.

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