



**STATE OF KANSAS  
Tenth Judicial District  
Steve Howe, District Attorney**

**Update: December 19, 2022**

On December 19, 2022, Shelly Christine Vallejo pleaded guilty to Murder in the Second Degree, for the death of JLM, in case number 21CR0880. This case is set for sentencing on February 28, 2023.

**Date: November 2, 2022**

On November 2, 2022, Jean Pierre Morales pleaded guilty to Distribution of Drugs resulting in death, for the death of JLM, in case number 21CR0879. On November 14, 2020 police were called to a residence in Merriam where they found a two year old child (JLM) unresponsive and who died shortly thereafter. The Medical examiner determined the cause of death was fentanyl intoxication. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Samantha Shannon and Marissa Bell, with the assistance of the Merriam Police Department and the Johnson County Crime Lab. This case is set for sentencing on March 8, 2023.

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