



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

**Update: March 15, 2023**

On March 14, 2023, the honorable Thomas Kelly Ryan sentenced Jared Barraza to 109 months for Count I, Distribution of Drugs Causing Death.

On March 8, 2023, the honorable Thomas Kelly Ryan sentenced Jean Pierre Morales to 165 months for Count I, Distribution of Drugs Causing Death.

**Update: February 28, 2023**

On February 28, 2023, the honorable Thomas Kelly Ryan sentenced Shelly Christine Vallejo to 118 months for Count I, Murder in the Second Degree, 5 months for Count II, Aggravated Endangerment of a Child, and 12 months for Count III, First Felony Possession of Fentanyl. The controlling sentence on these three crimes is 123 months with the department of corrections.

**Update: January 20, 2023**

On January 20, 2023, Jared Barraza pleaded guilty to Distribution of Drugs Causing Death, in the death of JLM, in case number 21CR891.

**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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