



# CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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The Dover Police Department and the Office of The Chief Medical Examiner is investigating the death of Sarah Taliaferro, 38.

At approximately 12:15 AM on October 18, 2016, Dover Police and Dover Fire and Rescue responded to Taliaferro's residence at 20 Whittier Street after she was found unresponsive. Taliaferro was transported to Wentworth-Douglass Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

While the cause and manner of Taliaferro's death will ultimately be determined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, at this time it appears to be an overdose. An autopsy was conducted on October 18<sup>th</sup>, and the results are currently pending the results of testing and the on-going investigation.

If in fact Taliaferro's death is due to a drug overdose, it will be the eleventh in Dover in 2016, all of which are suspected to be opioid related overdoses. The Dover Police Department has responded to 48 non-fatal drug overdoses in 2016.

This case is being investigated by the Dover Police Department's Special Investigations Bureau. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646. Anonymous tips may be called into the Dover Crimeline at 603-749-6000. The Dover Crimeline can also be contacted via [www.dovernhcrimeline.org](http://www.dovernhcrimeline.org).

Media inquiries concerning this case can be directed to Lt. Brant Dolleman of the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646 or [b.dolleman@dover.nh.gov](mailto:b.dolleman@dover.nh.gov).