



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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DOVER, NH, December 10, 2020 - The Dover Police Department and the Office of The Chief Medical Examiner are investigating the death of Peter Smith, 47, of 10 Avon Avenue, Dover.

At approximately 7:18 A.M. on December 9, 2020, the Dover Police and Dover Fire and Rescue responded to 10 Avon Avenue after Smith was found unresponsive. Smith was found to be deceased by the responding officers and paramedics.

While the cause and manner of the death will ultimately be determined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, based on the investigation to date, Smith's death appears to be drug related.

If in fact this death is due to a drug overdose, it is the seventeenth in Dover in 2020. Dover had nine suspected drug related deaths in 2019.

This case is being investigated by the Dover Police Department's Special Investigations Unit. 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.

If you or someone you know is experiencing an addiction-related crisis or looking for support, we encourage you to contact SOS Recovery Community Organization at 603-841-2350 or visit The Doorway operated by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital at 798 Central Avenue. The Doorway is open Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm. Additional information about addiction recovery services can be obtained by calling 2-1-1.

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