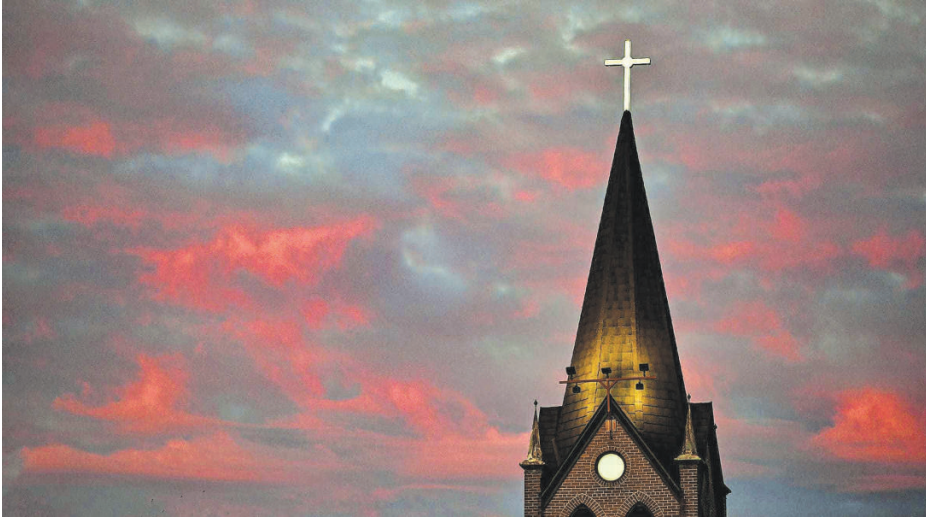


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H&M in Crossroads to close ‘in the near future’

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The H&M in Crossroads Center is closing.

A request for information from H&M’s media relations department confirmed the store will be closing in early 2021 but did not confirm a specific date.

“While physical stores will always remain important to us and something we continue to invest in, having the right stores in the right locations is vital to ensure our long-term and sustainable growth,” said a statement in an unsigned email from H&M Media Relations Thursday.

H&M announced in October it would

close 250 stores in 2021 due to the novel coronavirus pandemic. A statement by CEO Helena Helmersson said more customers began shopping online during the pandemic, and that H&M is “Increasing digital investments” and “accelerating store consolidation.”

“To ensure that our offerings are relevant to customers and improve availability in all channels, speed and flexibility will be even more important in the future, particularly in the supply chain,” Helmersson said in the statement.

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Man accused of supplying drugs that led to 30-year-old’s death

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ST. CLOUD — A Minnesota man is accused of selling drugs that led to another man’s death, according to a Stearns County criminal complaint.

Travis Raymond Anderson, 28, is charged with one felony count of third-degree murder in connection with selling or distributing controlled substances. The complaint shows Anderson has a Rockville address, but other court records show a Thief River Falls address. The complaint-warrant was filed in court Dec. 4, according to records, and Anderson was scheduled to make his first appearance Thursday.

According to the criminal complaint against him, law enforcement responded shortly before 3 p.m. Sept. 10 to a medical emergency and found a 30-year-old man dead in a home in the 9000 block of Athman Road in Rockville.

The dead man lived at the residence

with three other people, according to authorities. One of the roommates said he’d seen the man alive at 9 p.m. the previous evening.

A man who had been staying at the residence for two weeks told officers he was asked by Anderson to wake the deceased man up. He said he found the man on the bed with his feet on the ground and knew something was wrong, according to the complaint.

The man saw a ceramic plate with a white powder next to the deceased man, according to the complaint, and he admitted to removing the plate and placing it in his vehicle. He said he uses drugs and had a bad experience with heroin two weeks before.

The man told officers Anderson supplied drugs to various people living at the residence.

Officers noticed the deceased man’s cell phone was missing, and Anderson denied seeing the cell phone.

Investigators called the cell phone and heard it ringing outside the residence, according to the complaint. The

man who found the deceased said he saw Anderson take the phone from the bedroom before law enforcement arrived.

A search of the bedroom found heroin in tin foil, drug paraphernalia and a bag containing drug residue.

During a search of Anderson’s room, officers found a safe with three pill bottles containing a white powdery substance and a handgun. Officers seized Anderson’s cell phone on scene.

Data extraction of Anderson’s phone found text message exchanges discussing controlled substances and a photograph of a gray powder in tin foil, which was consistent with the substance located next to the body.

There were multiple calls between Anderson and the deceased man in the minutes prior to calling 911, according to the complaint, and Anderson spoke to the man staying at the residence for 2 minutes 28 seconds and again for 7 minutes 32 seconds. Text messages going back to August 2020 indicate Anderson was routinely selling controlled sub-

stances, according to the report, including heroin. The phone also contained “messages with another individual whom recently was a victim of an overdose in the Stearns County area,” according to the complaint.

An extraction of the deceased man’s cellphone indicate text messages to Anderson discussing drugs. Emails on the device showed money transfers to Anderson that correspond with the man agreeing to purchase controlled substances. Anderson can be seen on video at the time officers initially spoke with him using his phone and can be heard crying and repeatedly stating “please don’t tell me they found the phone,” according to the complaint.

An autopsy determined the 30-year-old’s death was caused by mixed drug toxicity including fentanyl, heroin, etizolam and broprhine. Fentanyl and heroin are Schedule 1 controlled substances.

Anderson is next scheduled to appear in court Dec. 29, according to court records.



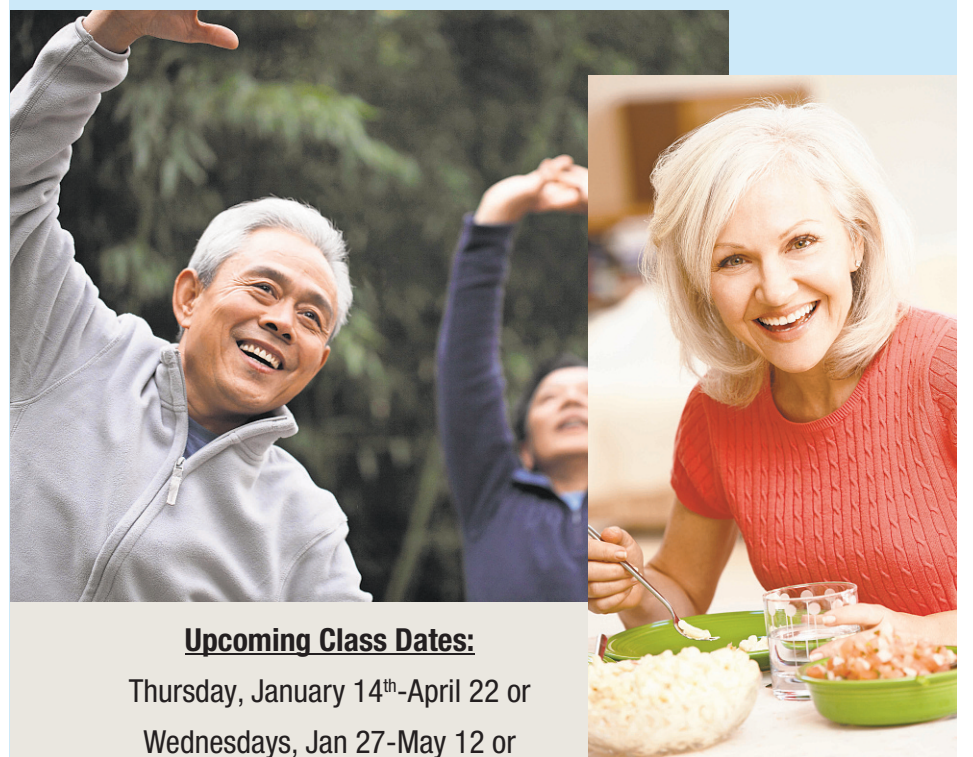
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