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OROVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER Physical Fight Leads to Death

A 38-year-old Oroville man was arraigned this afternoon in Butte County Superior Court on a single charge of involuntary manslaughter stemming from an incident at Feather Falls Casino on March 28, 2022.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said **Michael Anthony Livermore**, 38, of Oroville, is responsible for the death of Dennis Wold, 55, of Chico after initiating a physical fight on the casino floor.

Ramsey said Livermore had gone to the Feather Falls Casino in search of Wold, after an argument over text with Livermore's ex-girlfriend, and Wold's current girlfriend. Livermore confronted Wold and his girlfriend at the casino. Initially words were exchanged, followed by a physical altercation between the two males. During the physical altercation, Ramsey said, blows were exchanged by both parties, and Wold was tackled into a slot machine by the significantly larger Livermore.

After both men fell to the ground, Wold remained on the ground while Livermore got up and left the casino. Wold was helped to his feet, but complained of trouble breathing, and collapsed. CPR was initiated by casino security personnel and medics arrived to assist, but Wold was ultimately pronounced deceased on the scene.

Ramsey said initial autopsy reports indicate that although there was no specific blows that contributed to Wold's death, doctors have noted the physical fight aggravated Wold's asthma and heart conditions leading to his death. Ramsey said the involuntary manslaughter count reflects the fact that although Livermore did not intend to kill Wold, he was responsible for the death by his initiating the fight that led to Wold's death.

Livermore appeared in custody with his attorney this afternoon, and was held in custody on \$30,000 bail, pending his next court date, which is April 7, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. for further arraignment.