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Manslaughter Charge in Casino Fight Upheld in Court

A Butte County judge today found there was sufficient evidence to bind an Oroville man over for trial on a manslaughter count stemming from a fight at a local casino.

Michael Livermore, 37, of Oroville, appeared in custody for his preliminary hearing held before Butte County Superior Court Judge Michael Candela this afternoon. The fight between Livermore and the deceased victim, Dennis Wold, 55, of Chico, occurred on the gaming floor of the Feather Falls Casino in March of this year.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said testimony was presented at the hearing today that Livermore said there was a “love triangle” between the two men and a woman. Ramsey said the evidence revealed the fight was a result of a contentious history between the two men. During the altercation, Livermore pushed Wold into a slot machine, and ended up on the floor on top of Wold. Wold passed away on the casino floor shortly thereafter.

Ramsey said testimony today was received about Wold’s autopsy that showed Wold had a history of an enlarged heart and drug abuse, which, in combination with the sudden fight with Livermore, caused his heart to stop.

Livermore is scheduled to appear in court next on June 16, 2022, to set the case for jury trial. He is being held in Butte County Jail in lieu of \$30,000 bail.

