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PASSAIC COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ADMINISTER NALOXONE IN CLIFTON ON JANUARY 6, 2017

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Clifton Police Chief Mark Centurione announce that law enforcement officers in Passaic County administered Naloxone to one subject on January 6, 2017. Naloxone is a medicine administered by way of a spray into the subject's nostrils to counteract an opioid overdose.

Clifton police officers deployed Naloxone at 1:49 a.m. to a 35 year old male who resides in Clifton, New Jersey. When officers arrived at the location, the subject was unresponsive and breathing slowly. Officers administered two doses of Naloxone and the subject became responsive and alert. Care of the subject was transferred to local emergency medical services.

Responding officers reported finding a clear white syringe, a measuring cup and four (4) paper bags stamped "POSTED" in the vicinity of where the victim was located. Three (3) of the four (4) bags contained a white, powdery substance alleged and believed to be heroin.

Since 2014, members of law enforcement in Passaic County have received training in the administration of Naloxone to respond to suspected opiate overdoses. This incident is the fourth (4th) Naloxone deployment in Passaic County in 2017.