



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **PASSAIC COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ADMINISTER NALOXONE IN WAYNE ON FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Wayne Police Chief James Clarke announce that law enforcement officers in Passaic County administered Naloxone to one subject on February 26, 2017. Naloxone is a medicine administered by way of a spray into the subject's nostrils to counteract an opioid overdose.

Wayne police officers deployed Naloxone at 8:45 p.m. to an 18 year old male who resides in Wayne, New Jersey. When officers arrived at the location, the subject was observed to be unresponsive, breathing slowly and displaying a slow pulse and blue lips. Officers administered two doses of Naloxone and the subject became responsive but remained sedated. Care of the subject was transferred to local emergency medical services.

Responding officers reported observing, in the immediate vicinity of the subject, a used syringe, five (5) small green vials containing suspected narcotic residue and a plastic bottle containing a white, crystalline substance which officers also suspected to be narcotics.

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 twenty-fourth (24<sup>th</sup>) Naloxone deployment in Passaic County in 2017.