



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **PASSAIC COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ADMINISTER NALOXONE IN HAWTHORNE ON APRIL 13, 2017**

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Hawthorne Police Chief Richard McAuliffe announce that law enforcement officers in Passaic County administered Naloxone to one subject on April 13, 2017. Naloxone is a medicine administered by way of a spray into the subject's nostrils to counteract an opioid overdose.

Hawthorne police officers deployed Naloxone at 9:33 p.m. to a 29 year old male who resides in Hawthorne, NJ. Officers administered one (1) dose 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 a syringe and two (2) empty glassine envelopes at the scene. The subject was also observed to have a fresh puncture wound to his arm.

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 thirty-ninth (39<sup>th</sup>) Naloxone deployment in Passaic County in 2017.