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PASSAIC COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ADMINISTER NALOXONE IN PATERSON ON FEBRUARY 15, 2017

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Sheriff Richard Berdnik announce that law enforcement officers in Passaic County administered Naloxone to one subject on February 15, 2017. Naloxone is a medicine administered by way of a spray into the subject's nostrils to counteract an opioid overdose.

Passaic County Sheriff's officers deployed Naloxone at 2:00 p.m. to a 36 year old male who resides in Little Ferry, New Jersey. When officers arrived at the location, the subject was observed to be unresponsive. Officers administered one dose of Naloxone and the subject became responsive but remained sedated. Care of the subject was transferred to local emergency medical services.

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 eighteenth (18th) Naloxone deployment in Passaic County in 2017.