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PASSAIC COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ADMINISTER NALOXONE IN PATERSON ON JANUARY 5, 2017

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Paterson Police Director Jerry Speziale announce that law enforcement officers in Passaic County administered Naloxone to one subject on January 5, 2017. Naloxone is a medicine administered by way of a spray into the subject's nostrils to counteract an opioid overdose.

Paterson police officers deployed Naloxone at 1:43 p.m. to a 33 year old male who resides in Bergenfield, New Jersey. When officers arrived at the location, the subject was observed to be unresponsive, breathing slowly and displaying blue lips and a slow pulse. Officers administered one dose of Naloxone and the subject became responsive and alert. 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 third (3rd) Naloxone deployment in Passaic County in 2017.