



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **PASSAIC COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ADMINISTER NALOXONE IN PATERSON ON APRIL 6, 2017**

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Paterson Police Deputy Chief Troy Oswald announce that law enforcement officers in Passaic County administered Naloxone to one subject on April 6, 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 4:55 p.m. to a male who was observed to be unresponsive, breathing slowly and had vomited. Officers administered 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 thirty-seventh (37<sup>th</sup>) Naloxone deployment in Passaic County in 2017.