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NEWS RELEASE

Type of Crime/Incident: Narcan Implementation- San Mateo County Sheriff's Office

Summary:

The Opioid epidemic is fast rising in the United States. There have many incidences of accidental overdose and exposure to this lethal drug. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50-100 times more potent than morphine. It comes in a powder form, but it can be liquefied and applied to any surface, which makes it extremely dangerous and undetectable at times.

In an effort to provide safety and security for the residents of San Mateo County, the Sheriff's Office approved the use of Narcan (Naloxone) to their Narcotic Task Force (NTF) and Crime Suppression Unit (CSU). Narcan is used to reverse the effects of opioid overdose. Sheriff's Office NTF and CSU staff have attended training to administer Narcan and the detection of the symptoms involved in these sometimes-fatal situations. Each staff member will carry Narcan with them to assist the public, and each other in the event of an opioid exposure. Narcan is another lifesaving tool used to assist with medical aid and is just as vital as CPR and first aid.

Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos stated; "It is an important safety tool for my personnel and the community."

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