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### **Mercer County Prosecutor Issues Heroin Warning**

Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri today issued the following public service announcement. We continue to battle heroin and opioid addiction across the country, state and county. Over the last week, we have seen a pronounced increase in the number of Narcan deployments by law enforcement in Mercer County. We have had a total of seven: four in Hamilton, two in Ewing and one in Robbinsville.

We have also noticed that a particular brand of heroin, "LEXUS RAD," was reported in two of those seven deployments. It is possible that this batch is laced with other drugs, making it even deadlier.

The Mercer County law enforcement community remains determined to help individuals fight their opioid addictions. It is more important than ever to seek assistance. These resources can help: NJ Connect for Recovery at (855) 652-3737 and NJ Addiction Services Hotline at (844) 276-2777.

Prosecutor Onofri also wants to remind the public of the New Jersey Overdose Prevention Act and its immunity provisions. "If you see someone experiencing signs of an overdose, don't run. Call 911. You are shielded from culpability when you call for medical help."

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