

KANKAKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE



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MULTIPLE HEROIN OVERDOSES BEING REPORTED THROUGHOUT KANKAKEE COUNTY

December 6, 2016 – Kankakee, IL – Kankakee County Sheriff Mike Downey and Kankakee County Coroner Bob Gessner are reporting multiple heroin/fentanyl overdoses in the area.

“Area hospitals have reported several today alone,” said Sheriff Downey. “We’re not certain if there is a bad batch being distributed throughout Kankakee County or if it is extremely potent. All law enforcement officers have been advised of the deadly situation and are keeping an extra eye out for the deadly strain.”

“To date, we’ve had over 25 fatal overdoses this calendar year,” said Coroner Gessner. “We’ve already suffered the same fatal OD’s this year than all of last year with a full month to go. Unfortunately, these drugs are often laced or cut with other substances, often which is more potent or a synthetic opiate. It’s too bad that the drug user is unaware of what they’re ingesting, and that these unknowns often result in their deaths.”

Sheriff Downey and Coroner Gessner are encouraging the community to work with our area law enforcement to report anyone they suspect of distributing or possessing these dangerous substances. Sheriff Downey and Coroner Gessner are pleading with those that may be reluctant or fearful to contact police to call **CrimeStoppers** at (815) 93-CRIME. **You can remain completely anonymous!**