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### **City of Hyattsville Police Respond to Teens Experiencing Drug Overdose Symptoms in Two Separate Incidents**

(Hyattsville, MD) – The Hyattsville Police Department is warning the public about the risk of drug overdoses after responding to two separate incidents involving teens this week.

On Thursday, August 26, at about 2:40 a.m., three HPD patrol officers pulled an unconscious 16-year-old girl from the back of a car on the 3500 block of East-West Hwy. The teenager overdosed on a combination of alcohol, cocaine and Percocet, and was not breathing. Officers immediately began a series of life-saving measures, revived her and kept her breathing until EMTs arrived. She was in stable condition when she arrived at the hospital.

On Saturday, at approximately 3:15 a.m., HPD patrol officers stopped to check on nine intoxicated teenagers standing around a Dodge Journey CUV at Duck Pond Park, 3400 Stanford St. Officers determined the vehicle had been reported stolen and arrested the driver. Officers confiscated a replica Glock BB gun located inside the vehicle.

While officers processed the stolen Dodge Journey, three teenage girls at the scene suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and oxy began throwing up and became unconscious. Offices and EMTs performed life-saving measures to revive the teenagers. The conditions of all three teens are unknown at this time.

The Hyattsville Police Department wants people to understand the risk of using recreational drugs and the possibility of sudden overdose. “The DMV has been seeing an increase in drug overdose cases, in part because of the addition of Fentanyl to illegal drugs and counterfeit prescription medications,” said Hyattsville Chief of Police Jarod J. Towers. “While we are not yet able to definitively state the cause of recent suspected overdose cases in the City of Hyattsville, it is clearly a problem emerging across this region. Everyone should be aware of the dangers of using illegal drugs and the risk of using an unknown substance that could lead to death,” he said.



If you or someone you know is experimenting with illegal drugs or prescription medication, or may have an addiction to alcohol or drugs, call the national Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by dialing 988. Calls are confidential.

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