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Deputies Utilize Naloxone to Save Second Overdose Victim

Isla Vista –

On December 25, 2017, at about 10:56 pm, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's deputies from the Isla Vista Foot Patrol, Officers from the UCSB Police Department, Santa Barbara County Fire personnel, and AMR medics all responded to an apartment complex in the 6600 block of Abrego Road for a report of an unresponsive 20-year-old male. The reporting party told Dispatchers that the man was barely breathing and he had begun to turn purple.

Deputies and Officers arrived within minutes and found that CPR was being performed on the victim. Believing this was an opioid overdose, one Sheriff's deputy administered a single dose of his department issued Naloxone nasal spray. Deputies and Officers then took over CPR on the victim and an automated external defibrillator (AED) was deployed to monitor the victim's heart rhythm. The law enforcement personnel continued with their lifesaving efforts until the victim began to breathe on his own. Fire and Medical personnel took over care of the victim, transporting him to a local hospital for further treatment.

This was the second time in 24 hours that Isla Vista Foot Patrol deputies responded to a suspected opioid overdose and utilized Naloxone to save the victim. In both incidents, deputies arrived at the location prior to other emergency medical personnel and were able to quickly assess and treat the victims before they were transported to the hospital for further treatment.

All Santa Barbara County Sheriff's deputies receive training on the use of Naloxone. This lifesaving training is accomplished through the combined effort of the Sheriff's Office and the Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Services Agency.

Naloxone Hydrochloride, more commonly known by the brand name Narcan, blocks or reverses the effects of opioids (both medications and narcotics) including extreme drowsiness, slowed breathing, or loss of consciousness.

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