



# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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## News Release

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### Deputies Utilize Naloxone to Save Overdose Victim

#### **Isla Vista –**

On December 25, 2017, at about 12:50 am, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's deputies from the Isla Vista Foot Patrol, Santa Barbara County Fire personnel, and AMR medics responded to an apartment complex in the 800 block of Embarcadero Del Mar for a report of a 23-year-old male that had overdosed on drugs.

Deputies arrived within minutes and began to assess the man's condition, finding him unconscious and having ineffective breathing. He had also begun to turn purple. Believing these were symptoms of an opioid overdose, one Sheriff's deputy administered a single dose of his department issued Naloxone nasal spray. Within a few moments, the man was breathing more easily, and a few minutes later, he regained conscious and was breathing normally. Fire and Medical personnel arrived and took over care of the man, transporting him to a local 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, brand name Narcan, blocks or reverses the effects of opioids (both medications and narcotics) including extreme drowsiness, slowed breathing, or loss of consciousness. Due to the quick thinking and actions of the Sheriff's deputies, this incident ended with a life saved instead of a drug overdose death.

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