



# ***MORTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT***

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## **News Release**

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## **First Narcan dose administered by Morton County Sheriff's Office**

**Mandan, N.D.** – The Morton County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) responded to a medical call around 7:30pm on November 22 north of Mandan of an unconscious male with labored breathing.

Upon arrival, the MCSO deputy learned the 26-year-old male had overdosed on heroin. The deputy immediately administered a dose of Narcan. He continued rescue efforts until Metro Ambulance could arrive, at which time another MCSO deputy also arrived and assisted medical personnel by providing ventilations until the subject could breathe on his own. The subject became more alert and was transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

Deputies found prescription pills in the subject's pocket which were placed into evidence. However, witnesses did not say how or where the subject had used heroin.

"This is the first time the Morton County Sheriff's Office has had to administer Narcan, and we are grateful it was successful in reviving the subject," Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier said. "The deputies responding had only been issued their supply of Narcan earlier that day, so the timing was impeccable."

The Narcan was donated to the sheriff's office by Bismarck/Burleigh Public Health, as part of a grant from the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division to address opioid abuse and overdose deaths.

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