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DA McMahon reports 29 suspected drug overdoses, including 13 fatalities, in past three weeks in Staten Island

Staten Island, N.Y. — Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today reported that there has been a marked increase in overdoses in recent weeks. This includes 29 suspected overdoses — 13 fatalities and an additional 16 Naloxone saves — reported to the District Attorney’s Office since July 17.

“Staten Island is still in the grip of a deadly heroin and opioid epidemic that’s killing our loved ones and neighbors every day. I encourage those struggling with addiction to reach out immediately to one of the many resource and recovery services located in Staten Island. They are here to help,” said **District Attorney Michael E. McMahon**. “The community can also help fight back by reporting illegal drug activity in their neighborhood to my office or the NYPD. We will continue to investigate each tragic overdose to combat this plague on every level and save lives.”

Individuals and families can find more information about where to get help at SIHOPE.org, a comprehensive website started by the DA’s office that includes information on how to access resource and recovery services in Staten Island as well as other useful information for combating the drug crisis. The community can also anonymously send tips by calling our Drug Hotline at [718-876-5839](tel:718-876-5839) or through our website <http://rcda.nyc.gov/initiatives/drugs.html>

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