

**A FRANK AND OPEN LETTER ABOUT HEROIN TO
ALL BERGEN COUNTY RESIDENTS**
from the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office



Over the next few days, our office would like to extend some very stark and true thoughts on Bergen County's heroin drug epidemic that is wreaking havoc amongst our young men and women, often resulting in death by overdose.

In each notice, we will share with you our thoughts and intentions over the enforcement of our New Jersey Law entitled **STRICT LIABILITY FOR DRUG INDUCED DEATHS**.

Most believe that our drug laws are applied to "street dealers". To many, these "dealers" are the ones responsible for our drug epidemic. Think again. We are all responsible. Consider this scenario:

You run a good household in suburban Bergen County. You have a house, a great job and great kids who all went to college and are just starting out on the life that you have given them.

Your 23 year old son still lives at home, has a great job and a girlfriend. He is a good kid.

You have some Oxycodone pills in your medicine cabinet. You were prescribed them a year ago. You do not take them but they remain in your bathroom cabinet. You don't know why. All of us have done this at some point in time.

Your son would never take the "oxy". He is a good kid.

But your son's girlfriend has a friend.

You don't know this friend.

This friend has a drug problem and asks your son to get him an "oxy" pill.

Your son knows that he should not do it, but gives his girlfriend the "oxy" pill anyway to give to the friend.

The friend takes the pill. Unbeknownst to you, your son and his girlfriend, it's his tenth of the day, in addition to many other pills that other friends have given him.

The friend dies from all of this. Not just the pill that your son's girlfriend gave him, but based on everything that he took that day.

**YOUR SON AND HIS GIRLFRIEND MAY BE CHARGED UNDER
NEW JERSEY'S DRUG INDUCED DEATH LAW.**

**UPON CONVICTION, THEY MAY RECEIVE 20 YEARS IN PRISON, WITH A
17 YEAR PERIOD WHEN THEY WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE.**

**20 YEARS IN PRISON.
FOR ONE OXYCODONE PILL.
YOUR OXYCODONE PILL.**

DO YOU STILL THINK THAT THIS LAW ONLY APPLIES TO STREET DEALERS?

*Brought as a public service message, not at taxpayers' expense,
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For more information, including information on how you can get rid of those old prescription drugs,
call our office at 201-226-5758.*