

**ANOTHER THOUGHT ABOUT HEROIN
TO ALL BERGEN COUNTY RESIDENTS**
from the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office



Our last two letters have talked about the enforcement of our New Jersey Law entitled **STRICT LIABILITY FOR DRUG INDUCED DEATHS.**

We know that many believe that our drug laws are applied to "street dealers". Hopefully you have now seen how even the best young men and women may be susceptible to this law. We know that most readers will know just how hard it would be to have their son or daughter caught up in this law, with its hard consequences of 20 years in prison.

But there is a consequence even worse than that.

To lose someone due to an overdose to drugs, especially a child and regardless of their age, represents one of the most terrible and tragic things any person can endure.

We do not see our office and its function as one that merely arrests people. We want to see lower drug arrests and lower arrests for Strict Liability for Drug Induced Deaths. If the number of those arrests comes down, it will mean that the number of young men and women dying from drug overdoses is coming down as well. That is everyone's goal.

So how can you help?

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR YOUNG CHILDREN EARLY AND SET GROUND RULES FOR YOUR HOUSE.

KNOW THE NAMES OF ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN'S FRIENDS, AND THEIR PARENTS AS WELL.

NOTICE ANY CHANGES IN THEIR LIFE. HAVE THEY CHANGED FRIENDS? LOST INTEREST IN SPORTS OR A HOBBY?

WATCH THEIR APPEARANCE. NOTICE THEIR APPETITE. HAVE YOU FOUND BURNED MATCHES IN THEIR BEDROOM? ARE THEY USING EXCESSIVE COLOGNE OR PERFUME?

GET RID OF ANY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT YOU KEEP IN YOUR HOUSE THAT YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY TAKING! DON'T THROW THEM OUT. CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE. THEY WILL TELL YOU THE RIGHT WAY TO GET RID OF THEM.

BE A ROLE MODEL. SET AN EXAMPLE FOR YOUR KIDS. THEY ARE WATCHING YOU AND WANT TO BE LIKE YOU.

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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.*