



**Press Release**  
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**Officer Becomes Ill while Investigating a Suspect  
Drug Overdose Death**

Early Sunday morning at approximately 12:30am on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 officers were called to the 900 Blk of Third Street for a person who was pulseless and not breathing. The victim, a 36 year old Appleton man was found to be deceased. Based upon the initial investigation it appears the death was drug related.

In the course of the investigation one of the officers who was on scene and tended to the victim was driving down to Oshkosh where the deceased man was earlier. While driving down Highway 41 the Officer, who has been with the Department for 2 ½ years, started to experience symptoms consistent with Fentanyl exposure. The Officer had the presence of mind to exit the highway and drive to the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office for assistance. Fortunately, a Winnebago County Sherriff's Deputy heard the radio transmission and was able to follow the Menasha Officer into the parking lot of the Sheriff's Department. The Deputy administered two doses of Narcan which reversed the effects of the exposure. The Oshkosh Fire Department did transport the Officer to a local hospital where he was released a few hours after the incident.

This incident is a local example of the drug epidemic in the United States. Not only was there the loss of the original victim, but a police officer who was there to help became a victim as well. The investigation into the death is ongoing.

The Menasha Police Department would like to thank the Winnebago County Sherriff's Office and the Oshkosh Fire Department for their lifesaving efforts provided to our officer.

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