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**DATE: 07/16/2012**

**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Duluth Police Issue Warning about Recent Heroin Overdoses**

**CASE NO.:**

**INCIDENT DATE :07/16/2012**

**INCIDENT TIME:**

**INCIDENT LOCATION: Duluth, MN**

**SUBJECT: Duluth Police Issue Warning about Recent Heroin Overdoses**

**BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen (218) 390-2232**

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Between Friday July 13, 2012 and Sunday, July 15, 2012, Duluth Police Department staff responded to the report of 4 overdose incidents believed to be linked to the illegal use of heroin. One of the incidents resulted in a death. The incidents involved 5 persons believed to have overdosed on heroin based on information obtained at the scenes.

The increase in overdoses primarily attributed to heroin use has brought attention to this important issue. Similar reports of overdoses and increased heroin potency are occurring state and nationwide. Over the past 12 months, the department has engaged in efforts to combat the trafficking, sale, and use of prescription pain killers and heroin through the arrest and prosecution of several persons involved in trafficking these types of drugs.

Investigators from the department are investigating the recent incidents in an attempt to determine the source of the increase. Persons with information related to narcotics activity are encouraged to call the Lake Superior Drug and Violent Crime Task Force at 218-730-5750.