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First Opvee Deployment Saves Life in Town of Maine ***Suspected Overdose Victim Regains Consciousness in 45 Seconds***

(TOWN OF MAINE) Broome County Sheriff's deputies successfully saved the life of a suspected overdose victim with the first deployment of Opvee (nalmeфene), the new FDA-approved opioid antagonist introduced by the Sheriff as part of a pilot program in April.

On Monday, May 20, 2024 at approximately 11:48 PM, Broome County Sheriff's deputies responded to a 911 call from the mother of a man reportedly not breathing in the Town of Maine. The individual had a history of opioid use and was suspected to have overdosed.

Approximately six minutes later, a responding Broome County Sheriff's deputy was first on the scene, finding the victim laying on his bedroom floor with a weak pulse and agonal breathing. The mother informed the deputy that she had administered Narcan five minutes prior to his arrival, but her son remained unresponsive. The deputy quickly administered a single 2.7mg nasal spray dose of Opvee to the victim and performed a sternum rub on the victim's chest. Within 45 seconds, the victim regained consciousness and was responding verbally to the deputy.

After regaining consciousness, the victim refused medical attention and was uncooperative with deputies and responding EMS. Due to the victim being alert and conscious, first responders could not legally require him to seek further medical attention.

Approximate Timeline of Response, According to Dispatch Records, Incident Report and Body Camera Footage:

- 11:48:32 PM – 911 Call Received by Broome County Emergency Dispatch
- 11:49:36 PM – Caller informs Dispatch that Narcan had been administered
- 11:54:06 PM – Broome County Sheriff's deputy arrives at address
- 11:55:13 PM – Opvee administered to victim
- 11:55:58 PM – Victim regains consciousness and begins responding verbally to deputy

“Excellent work by our Road Patrol deputies in acting quickly to save this man’s life,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “If it works, it works. Opvee is working exactly as we had anticipated, successfully restoring normal breathing and bringing unresponsive victims back when Narcan doesn’t seem to be enough. The Broome County Sheriff’s Office remains committed the saving lives whenever possible in our community, and this new tool is making that job easier when every minute counts.”

Link to video: <https://youtu.be/8izqTuu9hG4>

Note: Portions of the audio that include individuals’ names have been muted.

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