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TO: OCSN3 opra+request-5337-2f9df@requests.opramachine.com

RE: OPRA REQUEST / Overdoses / Possible Overdoses

The following is the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department's response to your OPRA request for certain documents.

Request #1 Redacted incident and/or police reports for all overdoses or possible overdoses that police and/or EMS responded to.

RESPONSE: Granted. See attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LT. L. Downs", written over a horizontal line.

Lt. Leon Downs

Point Pleasant Borough Police Dept.

Lt.LD/mm

Attach.

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Lt. Leon Downs

From: Shannon McNinch <SMcNinch@ptboro.com>
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Chief Richard P. Larsen
Cc: Lt. Leon Downs
Subject: FW: OPRA request - Overdoses or Possible Overdoses OPRA 2019-222

Good Morning,

Please process OPRA below.

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Antoinette Jones
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2019 9:54 AM
To: Shannon McNinch <SMcNinch@ptboro.com>
Subject: FW: OPRA request - Overdoses or Possible Overdoses

Please send to Police.

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-----Original Message-----

From: OCSN 32 <opra+request-6123-b8c09d25@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 2:42 PM
To: Antoinette Jones <ajones@ptboro.com>
Subject: OPRA request - Overdoses or Possible Overdoses

Dear Point Pleasant Borough,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

Please provide the redacted incident and/or police reports for all overdoses or possible overdoses that police and/or EMS responded to. Please include 5/7/19 - 6/28/19

Yours faithfully,

OCSN 32

Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
opra+request-6123-b8c09d25@requests.opramachine.com

Is ajones@ptboro.com the wrong address for OPRA requests to Point Pleasant Borough? If so, please contact us using this form:

https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=point_pleasant_borough

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View this OPRA request & responses online:

https://opramachine.com/request/overdoses_or_possible_overdoses_107

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.

NARRATIVE FOR OFFICER CHRISTOPHER M PHILLIPS

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On 5/15/19 at 10:55 AM, I, PO Phillips, along with Sgt. Leonhardt and PO Greenan, responded to [REDACTED] for the report of a 21 year old male who was unresponsive and unconscious, as well his lips turning blue. The First Aid and Medics were detailed and later responded.

Upon arrival, I was entered in through the front door where I was led into a hallway leading towards the back of the residence. Laying half way out a bathroom doorway and into the hallway was the victim, [REDACTED]. Kneeling next to him was his girlfriend, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was asked if [REDACTED] had used narcotics in the past and or overdosed, to which she said yes to. She also suspect that he had just used narcotics. See more detailed statement below. [REDACTED] was observed to have slight body movements, his eyelids to be fluttering and have a shallow pulse. At times his chest was observed to rise. Based on the suspicion that [REDACTED] had used narcotics prior to this incident, Naloxone was administered via his right nostril at 11:02 AM. Between three and five (3-5) minutes [REDACTED] started to come to. While this was taking place I needed to give him [REDACTED] and shout his name to keep his eyes open. He was also [REDACTED]. Between the [REDACTED], [REDACTED] started to come to.

As [REDACTED] finally started to come to, he was somewhat alert and was trying to stand up. PO Greenan and I needed to advise [REDACTED] multiple times to stay laying down, as well as holding him down to prevent him from standing up. A check of the bathroom and the area around where [REDACTED] had been laying was done with no evidence of paraphernalia or of drugs. A brief visual check of his room was done which was a short distance from the bathroom. Nothing was visible in plain view in regards to paraphernalia or narcotics.

[REDACTED] was evaluated by the Medics and later transported to Brick Hospital for further treatment. I further spoke with [REDACTED] who stated she had checked on [REDACTED] after he had been spending what she felt was a long duration in the bathroom. She had been outside letting the dogs use the restroom. When she came back into the residence, she observed [REDACTED] standing in the bathroom. [REDACTED] stated he was staring off as one does when under the influence of heroin or similar type narcotics. He then tensed up, started to tilt forward, which caused her to try and keep him from falling over. She was unable to prevent this from taking place. [REDACTED] ultimately fell to his side, hit his head on the door frame and fell to the floor. It was at this point that [REDACTED] called 9-1-1 for assistance. No signs of any external head injury were noted while treating [REDACTED].

Sgt. Leonhardt called Det/Lt. Picca via phone from the residence to advise him of the incident. Det. Hynes was detailed and later responded to the hospital. Det. Hynes requested that [REDACTED] cellular phone be taken as evidence. [REDACTED] later retrieved it from her vehicle and was given a copy of a completed property receipt. The phone and original copy of the property receipt were turned over to Det. Hynes at headquarters at his request.

The dose of Naloxone that had been used was later replaced at Brick Hospital. The package on a second dose had been opened in preparation to use it, however it was not utilized. It too was replaced while at the hospital. A replenishment receipt was completed for both doses and signed by the hospital staff.

Upon return to town, dispatch received a call from Det. Hynes that [REDACTED] had located paraphernalia and drug packaging within a suitcase and nylon bag belonging to [REDACTED]. I returned to the residence where I was met by [REDACTED]. She stated that she had been gathering his belongings and came across a Rite Aid bag containing five (5) unused syringes within a sneaker. This had been within a suitcase laying at the foot of the

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bed. Within the nylon bag she located several clear wax folds which appeared to be used. Trace amounts of powder suspected to be heroin were within the folds. [REDACTED] had used gloves and placed the folds into a clear gallon zip-lock bag. Also within the bag was a metal spoon with burnt residue. Based on safety concerns the folds were not removed from the zip-lock and counted. A visual inspection of the folds revealed that some had no stamp and some had a black colored stamp which read, "Fant4stic". The "4" had a square around it and was placed such to replace the "a" in "fantastic".

The zip-lock bag was placed into a clear evidence bag, and the syringes were placed into a sharps container. Both were entered into the BEAST and later placed into locker #11. Receipts for both were printed off and submitted with this report. Det. Hill was personally advised of the evidence. Photographs had been taken of the zip-lock bag prior to securing it in the evidence locker. A photo log form was completed. A laboratory evidence receipt report was also completed and submitted to Det. Hill.

A Naloxone administration reporting form was completed and later sent via fax to the required agencies. PO Aurin reviewed the form prior to it being faxed. Copies of the fax form and verification report were submitted with this report. The original was submitted with the Naloxone replacement forms.

PO C. Phillips #0246

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On the above date and time this writer was advised by Det/Lt. Picca to respond to Ocean Medical to attempt to speak with [REDACTED]. Det/Lt. Picca advised this writer that [REDACTED] had overdosed at his grandmothers residence located at [REDACTED]. It should be noted this writer is familiar with [REDACTED] from prior police contact. Upon arrival this writer spoke with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated he had obtained the controlled dangerous substance in Philadelphia. This writer spoke to [REDACTED] about the Blue Heart Program (a program to offer rehabilitation programs for all parties). [REDACTED] stated he had already been in contacted with individuals from an undisclosed program. [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED], responded and confirmed the information provided by [REDACTED].

On 6/18/19 [REDACTED] responded to headquarters to retrieve his cellular telephone. This writer completed a property receipt and returned [REDACTED] phone to him. [REDACTED] additionally completed said property receipt.

Hynes 0232

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I responded to [REDACTED] for what was reported as a first aid call of a 70 year old female with cardiac issues. Upon arrival, [REDACTED] were standing on the front porch of the residence. As I approached the front door, [REDACTED] advised me that the resident, [REDACTED], was found deceased in the bathroom. Upon entering the residence I observed [REDACTED] body laying on the ground in the bathroom. Upon first observations [REDACTED] was obviously deceased. There were obvious signs of lividity, and I additionally observed a number of excretions surrounding the body. I advised dispatch that the resident was deceased. Because of the positioning within the bathroom, and the bodily fluids covering the floor, I did not touch or disturb the body. At that time, I secured the area. [REDACTED] were inside the living room at this point, and they were allowed to remain there. After a few moments, I closed the bathroom door, as [REDACTED] cat attempted to go inside the bathroom.

Monoc paramedic unit 205, [REDACTED] responded. [REDACTED] applied a heart monitor and after conferring with Dr Ariyapraki at Newark Beth Israel, pronounced [REDACTED] deceased at 12:15pm.

Det Hill and Det Nickerson responded to the scene for further investigation. OCSD CSI was contacted and Officer Senger responded and photographed the scene. OCPO was contacted and Det. Brant Uricks responded to assist Det Hill and Det Nickerson. A representative from the medical examiner's office Jewel Haughton responded. After the on scene investigation was completed, Colonial Funeral Home responded and transported [REDACTED] to CMC at the request of the medical examiner. See narrative from Det. Nickerson for further information.

PO Fennessy

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE FOR OFFICER MATTHEW F NICKERSON

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On 05/20/2019 at 1210 hours Detective Hill and I, Detective M. Nickerson responded to 2224 Wilson Road to assist PO Fennessy. An initial 911 phone call was placed for a report of a 70 year old female having a cardiac issue. After PO Fennessy arrived to investigate, it was determined that a male at that residence had possibly overdosed on CDS and was unconscious and not breathing.

On arrival, Det. Hill and I approached the home, a single story dwelling located on the south side of Wilson Road. I made contact with a male and a female on the front porch of the residence and identified them as [REDACTED], who appeared upset. I briefly spoke with [REDACTED] and she stated her son had overdosed and was deceased. She also stated she believed her son had killed himself.

I entered the residence and made contact with PO Fennessy, who secured the scene. PO Fennessy stated when he arrived and made contact with the male subject, he determined the male was deceased due to his observation of lividity and rigor mortis. No life saving measures were performed by PO Fennessy. The male subject was found in the bathroom of the home, which is located south as you enter the front door, walk south through the living room and just passed the kitchen.

I made contact with the male, who was identified as [REDACTED], and I observed him lying face down on his left side. I observed lividity in his face and his feet. [REDACTED] was observed to be wearing black/white checkered pants and a red shirt with grey long sleeves. His attire appeared as if he was dressed to go to sleep. I observed blood and other fluids pooled near the entrance of the bathroom door and it appeared [REDACTED] had been pushed away from the door. I observed him to be holding a plastic bag in his right hand and a silver spoon on the floor near him. I observed no signs of CDS use or any type of struggle.

I made contact with [REDACTED] again and spoke with her and Det. Hill outside the home. [REDACTED] stated she had plans with her son to go shopping and planned on coming to the residence at 1130 hours. When she arrived, she was surprised that the front door was locked, because [REDACTED] never locks the front door. She was able to enter the home with a key and could hear the water running in the bathroom and notice the bathroom door was locked, which was unusual because she stated her son never locks that door either. She also observed his dog to be running around the home and usually when [REDACTED] takes a shower, he brings the dog into the bathroom. [REDACTED] tried to open the bathroom door, but was unable to and observed what she thought was paper shoved into the lock on the door. Thinking her son had committed suicide or harmed himself, she ran outside in a panic and called her husband and flagged down a neighbor. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated her husband [REDACTED] and two neighbors entered the home and were able to open the bathroom door, discovering [REDACTED] on the bathroom floor.

I walked across the street and made contact with the residents of [REDACTED]. I spoke with [REDACTED] about the incident and he stated he was outside on his front lawn doing yard work. While doing so, he stated he observed [REDACTED] exit her son's residence in a panic and she seemed like she needed help. Thinking she was having a heart attack, he instructed [REDACTED] to call 911. [REDACTED] ran across the street and made contact with Mrs. [REDACTED] and she told him she believed her son had harmed himself. Once inside, he stated he could not get the bathroom door open and also he could hear water running from inside the locked bathroom. [REDACTED] stated he ran back outside and flagged down his neighbor, [REDACTED], and told him to contact 911. After doing so, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] entered the home and were able to force the bathroom door open. [REDACTED], a retired police officer, stated he checked for a pulse on [REDACTED], but did not find one. Due to his experience as a police officer (NYPD retired), he stated he believed [REDACTED] was deceased. Also, he stated he did not observe any signs of CDS use while he was in the bathroom.

I walked next door to his neighbors [REDACTED] and made contact with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated he was in his driveway when he heard [REDACTED] calling his name. He stated [REDACTED] was in the front door area of [REDACTED] and was flagging him down and told him to call 911. After calling 911, he ran across the street and assisted with getting the

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door open. Once they got the bathroom door open, he observed [REDACTED] on the floor and he appeared stiff. He stated [REDACTED] assessed [REDACTED] and he believed he was deceased. [REDACTED] stated he did not observe any signs of CDS use inside the bathroom.

Det. Uricks from the OCPO and I went through the plastic bag [REDACTED] was holding. After going through the contents, no CDS/paraphernalia were located.

Det. Uricks and I spoke with [REDACTED] on the front porch. [REDACTED] agreed to turn her son's cell phone over to Det. Uricks so it could be analyzed. She signed a digital evidence consent form and was explained the process of analyzing the phone.

I was able to observe surveillance footage from [REDACTED] the day prior. The sequence of events are as followed:

05/19/2019 at 1511 hours: [REDACTED] is observed parking his vehicle in the driveway of his residence and going inside.

05/19/2019 at 1521 hours: [REDACTED] exits the home, gets into his vehicle, and leaves traveling east on Wilson road.

05/19/2019 at 1655 hours: [REDACTED] is observed returning back to his residence.

05/19/2019 at 2034 hours: The garage light is observed to be turned on.

05/19/2019 at 2059 hours: The garage light is observed to be turned off.

05/19/2019 at 2202 hours: The garage light is observed to be turned back on.

05/19/2019 at 2218 hours: The garage light is still on.

05/19/2019 at 2238 hours: The garage light is turned off.

05/20/2019 at 1134 hours: [REDACTED] arrives at the residence.

05/20/2019 at 1135 hours: [REDACTED] enters the residence.

Medic 205: T. Connellan 2326/K. McKenna 2408

Pronouncing Doctor: Dr. Ariyapraki Newark Beth Israel Medical Center pronounced at 1215 hours.

OCPO: Det. Uricks

Funeral Home: Colonial

Medical Examiner's Office: Jewel Haughton

CSI: S/O Senger

Colonial Funeral Home removed [REDACTED] from the residence and transported him to community Medical Center for an autopsy. [REDACTED] is. Detectives on scene checked the residence for any signs of suspicious/CDS activity, but none were located. [REDACTED] took possession of the dog and the two cats that belonged to her son and Det. Uricks and I explained to her the process from this point on.

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Det. M. Nickerson 0134

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NARRATIVE FOR OFFICER DAVID M IPPOLITO JR.

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On June 19, 2019 at approximately 0057 hours, I P.O. Ippolito along with P.O. Popiel, P.O. Henrich, P.O. Gunnell, Sgt McNally and Sgt Miller responded to [REDACTED] for an overdose. Upon arrival, I observed the male later identified as [REDACTED] laying on the ground surrounded by vomit. [REDACTED] was non responsive and not breathing at the time. The reporting party [REDACTED] was there and advised that Mr. [REDACTED] in the past had battled a heroin addiction for approximately 3 years. After hearing this information a [REDACTED] and documented at 0100 hours. After [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] was still non responsive but had a pulse and was breathing. P.O. Henrich continued [REDACTED] until First aid and Medics arrived on scene.

I spoke with [REDACTED] who stated that she didn't believe [REDACTED] was using again but was unsure because he had battled in the past. She also stated that she was sleeping in bed when she heard a noise and it was [REDACTED] face down throwing up. [REDACTED] aunt [REDACTED] stated that at approximately 2300 hours she observed [REDACTED] doing laundry and acting apparently normal. All subjects reside at the [REDACTED] residence. After getting [REDACTED] into an ambulance his cell phone was found and held for safe keeping. A property receipt was completed.

I was able to speak with [REDACTED] while in the ambulance, he advised that he did not remember using or buying any heroin to use. He stated that he had relapsed in the past and he had the same disposition in those incidents. He advised that if he did use he would have used a needle in the bathroom. A thorough search of the area came up with negative results for any remnants of drug paraphernalia.

I responded to Ocean Medical center to replenish the Narcan that was deployed and all corresponding paperwork was completed. The Narcan deployment sheet was completed and an email was sent to P.O. Kevin Aurin to advise him of the deployment. [REDACTED] phone was placed into a temporary storage locker and entered into the beast.

An email was sent to Det Lt Picca to advise him of the incident and the findings in the residence.

P.O. Ippolito 0500