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NEWS RELEASE

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Contact Information: Troy D. Dunn, Sheriff
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Date/Time of Incident: 05/24/2018 at 5:18 PM

Incident Description: Overdose

Location of Incident: 4000 Block of Clearwater Trail, Forest Township

Victim/Suspect Information (Name, age, city of residence): 28 year old female

Description of Incident: On the above date/time, Rice County Deputies, Lonsdale Rescue and Northfield ambulance were dispatched to a report of an unconscious female victim. Upon arrival, CPR had been started by bystanders. Rescue personnel found a pulse but the victim appeared to be in respiratory distress. Upon the arrival of Rice County deputies, they both administered naloxone to the victim. After the second dose, the female was able to breathe on her own and started to regain consciousness. She was transported to the hospital by Northfield Hospital + Clinics EMS for further treatment and evaluation.

“This victim is fortunate to be alive today. Because of the cooperative effort of bystanders, Lonsdale Fire/Rescue, Rice County Deputies and Northfield Hospital medics, this victim is alive today!”, said Sheriff Troy Dunn.

This is the second known drug overdose in the Rice County and Northfield areas since Monday. Both incidents involved the use of heroin and it is believed that this heroin may be laced with fentanyl because of the amount of naloxone needed to revive the victims.

The naloxone used by the deputies is furnished by Northfield Hospital, using funds provided through a state grant administered by the Minnesota Metro Region EMS



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System. Northfield Hospital paramedics also provide training in naloxone use, at no cost, to area first responders and those who work with at-risk populations.

If you witness a suspected overdose, “Don’t run, call 911”. You might be the only one that can save a friend or loved one. If you suffer from opioid addiction or know someone that does, contact Sterling Pharmacy or your local physician to obtain your own naloxone. The training is easy and the cost is minimal. They can also refer you to professionals to help you actively deal with your addiction.

- If you find someone in potential overdose or unresponsive,
 - **Call 911 Immediately**
 - **Stay on Scene**
 - **Provide CPR**
 - **Help Emergency Responders with information and drug details**

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Brian Edwards, EMS Chief – Northfield Hospital + Clinics

**Dr. Jennifer Fischer – Chief of Emergency Medicine/EMS Medical
Director at Northfield Hospitals & Clinics**

Chief Monte Nelson, Northfield Police Department