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Hampden County Sheriff's Office Correctional Officers Save Overdosing Victim in Springfield

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Two Hampden County Sheriff's Office correctional officers helped save the life of a man who had overdosed on a downtown Springfield street on Friday, Aug. 4.

Around 1 p.m., Corporal Todd Carroll and Officer Todd Maniscalchi were driving south on Main Street near the Paramount Theater when a group of people came running from Gridiron Street yelling for help. The officers were traveling to Springfield District Court to transport a group of justice-involved females back to the Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Center.

The officers stopped the transport van with the lights flashing and jumped out to assist. They were told a man was overdosing, so they began providing first aid. They found a weak pulse and saw the victim's eyes roll back into his head.

After administering one nasal dose of Narcan, which quickly blocks and reverses the effects of an opioid overdose, no reaction was seen. But after a second dose, the man began to react and started to regain consciousness.

Springfield Police, Springfield Fire, and AMR Ambulance arrived on the scene and ensured the victim was further taken care of and transported to the hospital.

"I'm incredibly proud of these officers for being alert and aware of their environment, and jumping into action without question to save a life," said Sheriff Nick Cocchi.

All Hampden County Sheriff's Office correctional staff is trained annually on how to recognize overdoses and how to administer Narcan.

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“This kind of situation is exactly why we carry life-saving Narcan,” Sheriff Cocchi said. “When you reverse an overdose, you are giving someone the gift of time. Hopefully, that is time spent with loved ones and working to get treatment for a substance use issue, while working toward long-term sobriety. Way to go officers Carroll and Maniscalchi!”

Officer Maniscalchi said, “Narcan really works. It’s a good thing to know how to use these days. It’ll save somebody. It really will.”

