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### Message from Sheriff Champagne - HEROIN DANGER ALERT

Recently, in Chicago, 74 heroin overdose cases were reported over a 3 day period. Police and DEA are investigating in an attempt to determine the source of an apparent "bad batch" possibly laced with Fentanyl. According to news reports, users would collapse almost immediately after injecting the drug.

Yesterday in Luling, deputies were called to a residence on Paul Frederick Street to find two males in their mid-30s deceased. We were able to determine through investigation that the two obtained and injected heroin probably simultaneously shortly after midnight last night. Both were known drug abusers.

People often asked me if anything surprises me anymore. I can say this is the first time I have ever seen a double death overdose situation such as what we discovered today. Autopsies are pending, but I felt compelled to put this warning out tonight since we are fairly confident of what happened. Heroin as we know is often cut with various substances to stretch the supply. There have even been documented cases of rat poison being used. How someone is so desperate for a fix as to inject poison into their veins is incomprehensible to most of us. But it is happening with alarming frequency and people are dying from it all over this country. It is a travesty that our government can't do something to enforce and protect our southern border where illegal immigrants and cartel produced heroin is literally flooding across. Now we learn that thousands of federally convicted drug dealers are being released from federal prisons. But that is a whole other issue.

If you know anyone addicted to this poison, you must plead with them to get help. You must warn them that a batch of poisonous heroin is on the streets. Hard core drug addicts are likely not following our Facebook posts. Please get the word to them. BEWARE and BE WARNED!