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Last night (12-14-16) the Sheriff's Office received a report of a minor having a seizure after ingesting liquid LSD which had been placed on a popsicle. The young lady was rushed to a hospital for treatment. Last week, California Highway Patrol Officers fought with a man who appeared to be under the influence of LSD on Highway 17. This followed the November 19<sup>th</sup> double stabbing which resulted in an armed confrontation with law enforcement and Luke Smith's death after he had ingested LSD.

In these cases arrests were made and investigations conducted into the source of the LSD. While we aggressively look for those responsible for manufacturing and distributing drugs, we unfortunately cannot be there during the critical moments our young people decide to ingest dangerous drugs.

Given what appears to be a rise in LSD usage in the past month with regards to encounters with law enforcement, we ask our community to be extra vigilant to what these drugs look like and the signs and symptoms of their use. Our Office released an informational bulletin to our Deputies today to remind them of LSD and its effects.

Information on LSD and other drugs like butane honey oil or BHO, methamphetamine and heroin can be found on the internet. Open conversations with our kids and young adults can hopefully add a meaningful and lasting dimension to our efforts to combat the problem of drug use.

The Sheriff's Office is committed to the vitality of our young people and our hope to see our kids successful. We ask for your help and believe that by working together we can prevent future harm. Sheriff Jim Hart said, "We want to work together as a community to stop this. It has already claimed one life and has the potential to hurt so many more."

Questions such as "How do I know if my teenager has a problem" and other topics regarding prevention and treatment can be found at the County's website;

[www.recoverywave.com](http://www.recoverywave.com)

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