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“A COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO HEROIN AND OPIATE CRISIS”

One-day Heroin and Opiate Conference Focusing on Raising Awareness and Addressing Prevention, Treatment and Law Enforcement Response in Charlotte, N.C.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of North Carolina, in partnership with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD), Mecklenburg County, Anuvia Prevention and Recovery Center, and Cardinal Innovations, is hosting a one-day conference to raise community awareness and to address prevention, treatment and law enforcement response to the rise of heroin and opiate abuse in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area. The conference will be held on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. EDT.**

U.S. Attorney Rose will deliver opening remarks. DEA Acting Administrator Chuck Rosenberg is the keynote speaker. Law enforcement representatives will present on heroin and opiate distribution networks and law enforcement efforts to disrupt drug trafficking activity. Physicians, mental healthcare professionals and substance abuse experts will present on a variety of topics, including: the physiology of addiction, public education and prevention initiatives, and treatment/rehabilitation resources and options. Participants will also hear a parent’s account on the impact of the death of a child due to a drug overdose.

Attendance is free of charge but registration is required. For more information please visit <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/charlotte-heroin-opiate-conference>.

WHAT:	Heroin & Opiate Conference
WHEN:	Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. EDT
WHERE:	Calvary Church 5801 Pineville Matthews Road Charlotte, NC

NOTE: Media please arrive no later than 8:45 a.m. and be set up by 8:55 a.m. Media is invited to shoot secondary footage (“B-roll”) between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Agency representatives will be available for media interviews after 9:30 a.m. Credentialed media only. All media must present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver’s license) and

display valid media credentials. Press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Lia Bantavani at Lia.Bantavani@usdoj.gov or 704-338-3140.

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