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A woman called 911 about 10:00 a.m. to report that her boyfriend had locked himself in their motel room bathroom and was thrashing around incoherently. Detective Michael Guadagnino responded and broke into the bathroom to find a 29 year old from Hannacoix, NY sprawled on the floor. He was unresponsive, had no noticeable breathing and was lying amongst the debris of five empty heroin baggies which he had apparently snorted, all at one time. Police administered two doses of Narcan followed by additional treatment from paramedics who arrived shortly thereafter. The afflicted man was transported to hospital and recommended for a mental health evaluation.

In other cases;

An 18 year old town man, returning from a spring break vacation in Florida was noticeably suffering from some kind of behavior changing drug or mental breakdown. This, according to his parents who finally called police when the young man began making announcements about God and that he had been chosen and conditioned and that (for some reason) he should be killed. When Officer Griffin Hotaling and paramedics attempted to gain his cooperation to be seen at the hospital, he became aggressive and at that point was taken into protective custody.

On Saturday afternoon a 25 year old town man approached a Little League official on Gilligan Road and reported that he had just been struck and injured by a car in the Little League parking lot. Police and rescue were summoned to the scene where the reported victim was examined by paramedics. Upon finding no injury or evidence of trauma, the man admitted to Sgt. Ernest Tubbs and the paramedics that he had made-up the story to get a little attention. The supposed victim was detained in protective custody, until such time he could be released to his social worker guardian at the Office of Children and Family Services.

While in protective custody, all individuals receive services at Samaritan Hospital's regional mental health reception center for evaluation, counseling and family assistance on a case by case basis. Refer to source above for additional information.