In the last three years, death was injected into the lives of 317 Fulton County families. So far this year, heroin and fentanyl have already claimed 38 lives in Fulton County.

“Of the 38 lives lost to heroin addiction in 2017, eleven of the victims were under the age of 30.”

In response to that measure, Narcan has now been provided to first responders throughout Fulton County. To date, first responders throughout our County have already administered Naloxone more than 210 times. The availability of Narcan has likely saved hundreds of lives. This year, the use of Narcan is expected to decrease heroin and fentanyl deaths by 28% compared to 2016.

Based on your assistance, across Fulton County, there is a projected decrease in heroin and fentanyl deaths in 2017.
Nearly one year after the senseless death of nine-year-old Isaiah Ward 29-year-old Ryan Lisabeth, the man who killed the young boy, pled guilty to charges of Homicide by Vehicle in the First Degree, Serious Injury by Vehicle, Possession of Heroin, Driving Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (Less Safe), Reckless Driving, and Driving on the Wrong Side of the Road.

On April 15, 2016, Lisabeth injected heroin into his body before he began speeding on Joseph E. Boone Boulevard in Northwest Atlanta. Lisabeth veered over the center line, into the wrong lane, and finally over the sidewalk curb where he struck the three children.

Isaiah Ward died from his injuries. Isaiah’s older brother, 12-year-old Roland Ward, suffered a broken pelvis and broken leg. The other victim, 14-year-old Timothy Hood, also a friend of the Ward brothers sustained two skull fractures and a broken leg. The injuries sent Timothy into a coma for three to four weeks. Presently, both surviving victims are still recovering emotionally and physically from their wounds. “I’m thankful that this day has come and we’re able to bring some closure. I’m asking that justice be served for all three kids,” said Hood’s mother, Teresa Lawrence.

“April 15th was the day my life changed for the worst,” said Isaiah’s Uncle LaFreddie Smith. “I’m all for second chances. Unfortunately, my nephew (Isaiah) won’t have a second chance. I hope Roland can get a second chance.”

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Henry Newkirk sentenced Lisabeth to 30 years to serve in prison without the possibility of parole in a non-negotiated plea.

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