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**SHERIFF DAVID BETH** 

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

DATE: Wednesday, October 19, 2016

EVENT: Stairway to Heroin Program and Resource Fair LOCATION: Public Safety Building, City of Kenosha, WI

**RELEASED BY:** Sgt. Eric Klinkhammer-Public Information Officer

## News Release:

Sheriff Beth will emcee and moderate the Stairway to Heroin Program and Resource Fair at Westosha Central High School on November 1, 2016 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Presenters include members of the Kenosha Drug Operations Group, Law Enforcement, Social Service, and Medical Professionals.

"Children increasingly are coming into contact with illegal drugs. According to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the average age of first time marijuana use is 14. The average age of first time alcohol use is 11 for boys and 13 for girls. By the time they graduate from high school 40% of all teens have used marijuana. We cannot assume that all children who smoke marijuana will become heroin addicts. However, the danger does exist, and research supports the progression of use.

Parents are still the most powerful influence in their children's lives. Children who learn about the risks of drugs and alcohol from their parents are 50% less likely to use than those who don't. Please join us to learn how you can be part of the solution to this ever-growing concern in our community. Education of students, educators, parents and the community is essential"

See the attached flyer for more information. We urge the community to educate themselves on the scourge of heroin in our society. All are welcome to this program.