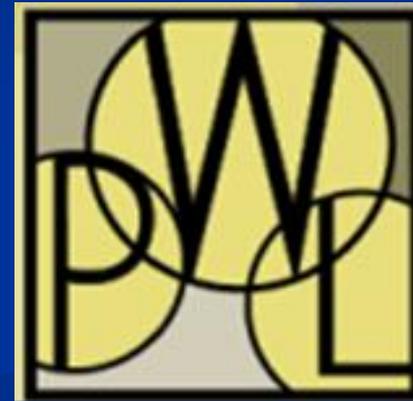
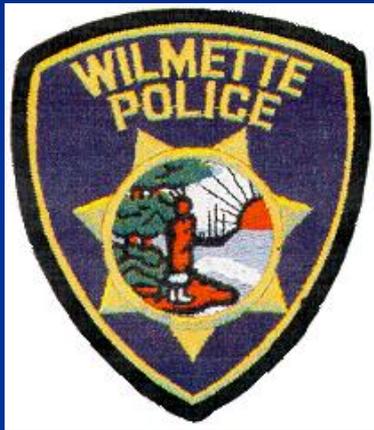


# Heroin Use in the Community



Wilmette Police Department  
In partnership with the  
Wilmette Public Library



# Overview



Wilmette has experienced a increase in heroin use among young adults in the community.

- Increase in calls involving heroin overdoses.
- Criminal incidents related to heroin use.
- Heroin related deaths.



# Overview



## Research Findings

- Many users reported that they were simply unaware of the dangers of heroin.
- Parents reported a lack of knowledge over the availability and consequences of heroin.



# Objective



Provide information to parents so that they are aware of the availability, warning signs and symptoms and empower them to start a dialogue with their children.

We will also provide resource and referral information.



# Outline



- Current Data
- What it looks like
- Signs and symptoms
- A Parent's Journey
- Strategies
- Referral and Resources
- Question & Answers



# Presenters



## Presenters:

- Brian King, Chief of Police
- Michael Robinson, Sergeant
- Marsha Pesavento, Parent
- Kate Mahoney of Peer Services
- Sue Frazier, Holy Family Medical Center

## Introduction:

- Olivia Chui, Wilmette Police Social Worker



# Current Data



- Heroin is more available now than in any time in recent memory.
- Hospital admissions for heroin use are up 200% in greater metropolitan area.
- A decline in the negative stigma associated with heroin among young adults.
- It is cheap, can be snorted, and is readily available.



# In Wilmette



- About a dozen cases involving heroin use in each of the last five years.
- Six residents have died of heroin overdoses in the last five years.
- We are experiencing crimes related to heroin addiction.
- Occurrences of heroin use in vehicles near the expressway exit ramps.



# In Wilmette



- The age range of heroin users that have been in contact with the Wilmette Police is 19 to 41 years old.
- The average age of the heroin user is 26.1.



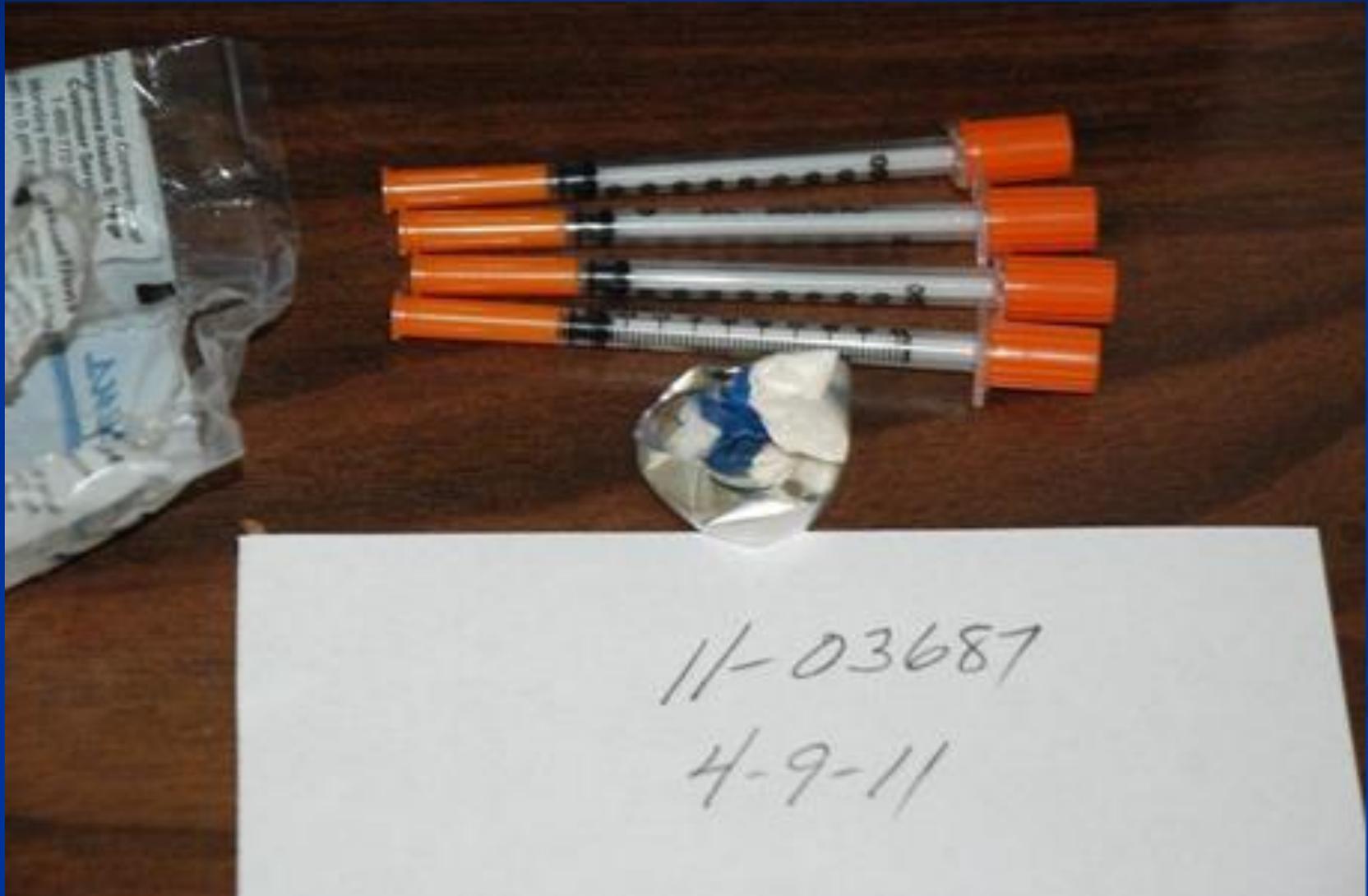
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- Enforcement
- Education
- Resource & Referral



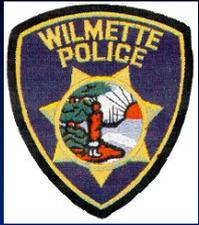
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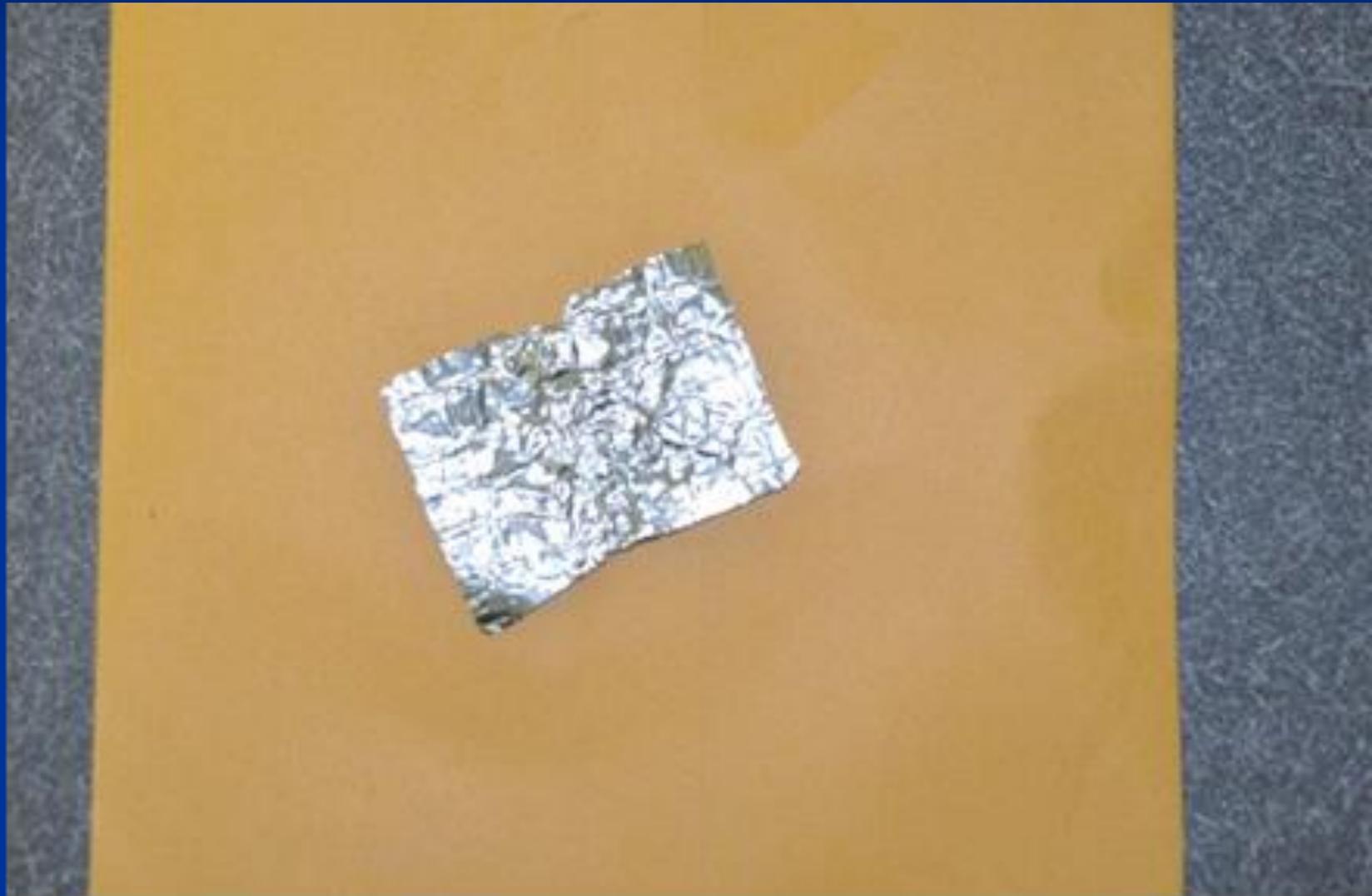
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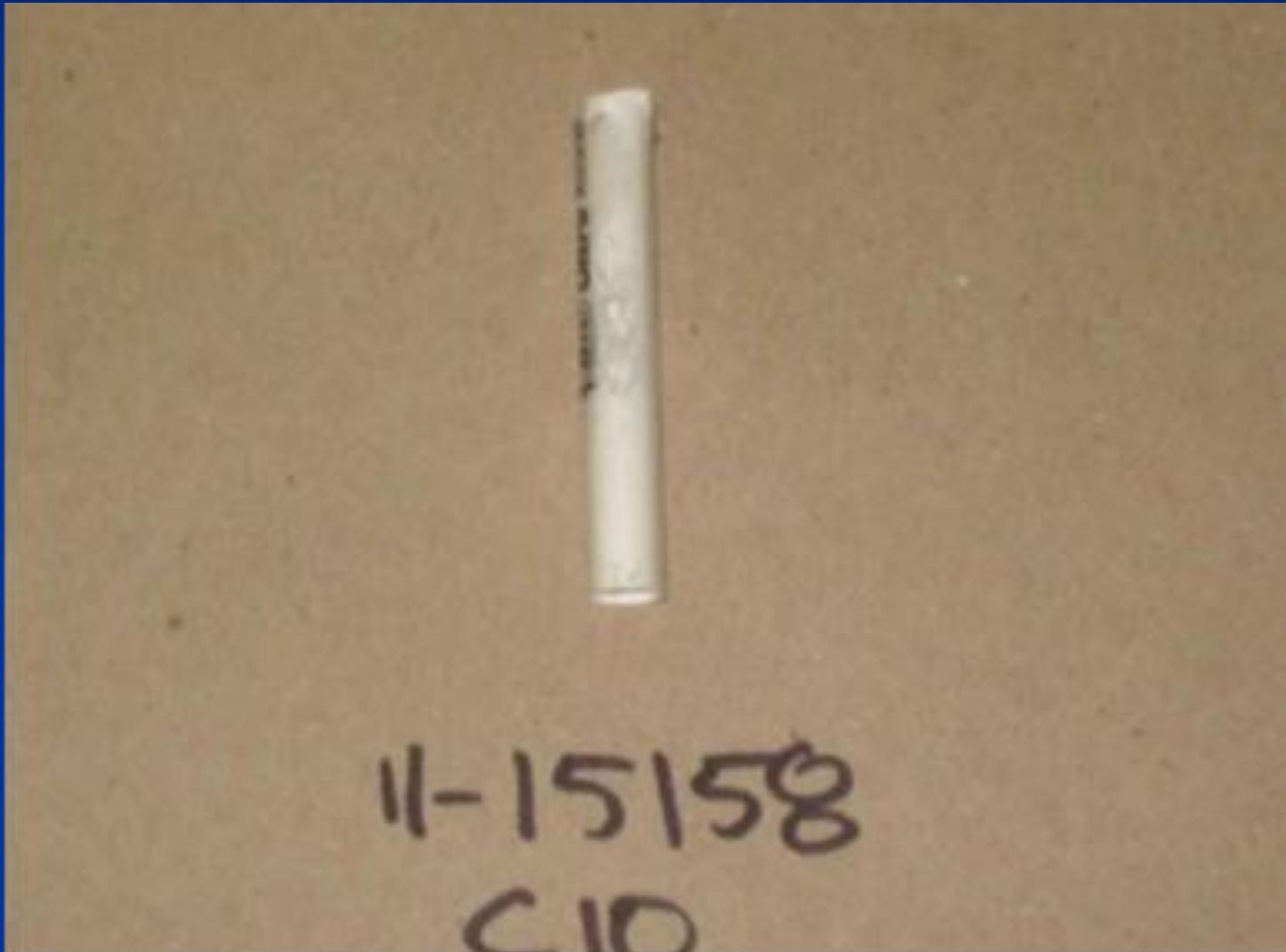


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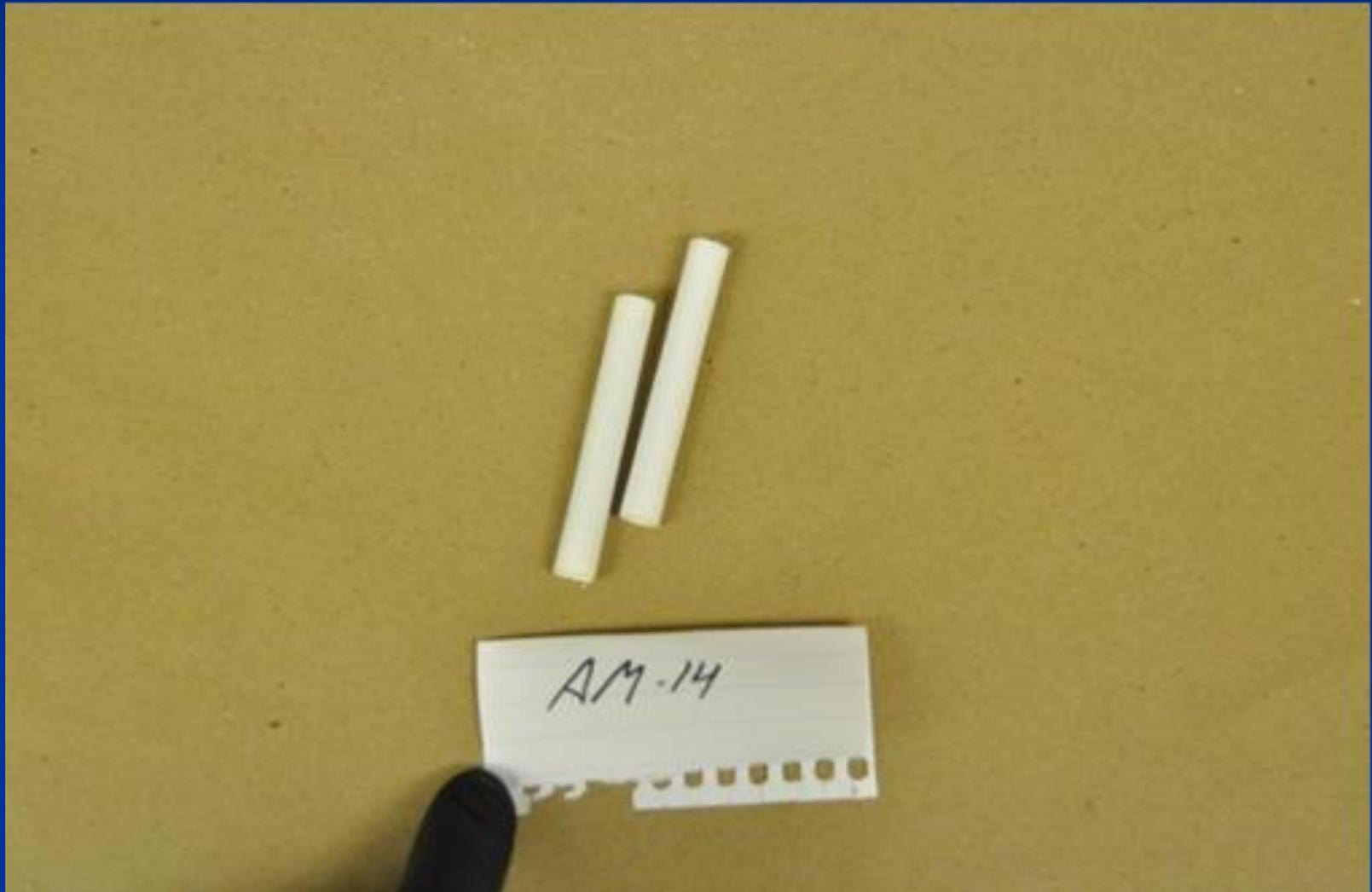


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# Police Strategy



## Signs and Symptoms of Heroin Use

- Dry mouth
- Itching
- Shortness of breath
- Sleepy/drowsy/ mellow
- Withdrawn
- Constricted pupils
- Disorientation



# Intervention Strategies



- Communicate openly with your child. Discuss the dangers of illegal drug use in general and heroin in particular.
- Clean out your medicine cabinet. Often the path to heroin use starts with the abuse of unused prescription medication. The Wilmette Police Department has a prescription medication collection program.



# Intervention Strategies



- Monitor the dose and quantity of the medication that are prescribed to family members.
- Know your children's friends and activities.
- Ask for help. The community has a wealth of resources available to assist parents.



# Resource and Referral



- There are many agencies that are there to assist parents, family members, and recovering addicts.



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