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Speaker 1 (<u>00:00</u>):

Hi. My name is Shantell Williams. 2100 block of East Monument Street. I just buried my 24 year old son. He passed away on May the 3rd due to Opiate overdose. And my nephew passed away two days ago, due to the same thing. A drug overdose due to Opiates. It's been heavy on my heart to inform the public about these overdoses. And possibly the main reason why they're happening there's a new drug out called W-18.

The people thinking they taking Percocet or using a normal Heroin or Mollys and it has this W-18 in there. It said to be 10,000 times stronger than Heroin. And I've done some research about it and then I noticed that they're offering this Naloxone pin to reverse that opioid overdose. And I've done research, Fentanyl has been on the streets for years. Heroin has been on the streets. So why now are they offering this? Because there's a new drug that's out here that they're not informing people about.

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Speaker 2 (<u>01:04</u>):

This antidote to the Opiates, Naloxone, it's available to the public?

Speaker 1 (<u>01:09</u>):

It's available to the public. You can call a number. You can take a class to be trained on how to use it. If you know anyone, anyone in your family, your friends, your neighbors are using any type of Opiates, whether it's a Percocet, whether it's Heroin, whatever it may be. The website is called dontdie.org. No one on earth should have to go through I'm going through right now. That was my first child. My strength is gone. My circle is broken and I don't want anybody else to go through this if it can be prevented.