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Media Advisory

WHO: State's Attorney Tom Gibbons discussing dangers of heroin with Granite City High School students

WHEN: Friday, March 27, 2015, multiple presentations beginning at 8:00 a.m. & 1:14 p.m.

WHERE*:* Granite City High School, 3101 Madison Ave., Granite City, IL 62040 (main gym)

SIGNIFICANCE: State's Attorney Tom Gibbons will speak at two school assemblies on Friday to discuss the dangers of heroin with students at Granite City High School. He will be joined by Chief Investigator Kelly Rogers with the Madison County Coroner's Office, Troy Police Officer Chris Coyne who has served as a D.A.R.E. officer for over 17 years, and Dr. Kari Kardis, Assistant Principal at Collinsville High School who also serves on the County's Heroin Task Force.

There are two seminars set tomorrow: Beginning at 8:00 a.m. the presentation will be given to approximately 1000 9th and 10th graders. The 2nd presentation, for approximately 900 11th and 12th graders, will begin at 1:14 p.m. Both presentations will be in the high school's main gym and will last about 1 hour and 45 minutes.

As of December 31, 2014 there were 22 confirmed heroin overdose deaths in 2014. Gibbons, Coroner Steve Nonn and other law enforcement officials in the region continue to be outspoken in their effort to raise awareness about the risk and threat of heroin to Metro-East communities and have spoken at multiple school assemblies as part of that effort.

More information about Granite City High School can be found at http://il.8to18.com/GraniteCity/. Additional information on the Madison County State's Attorney's Office is located at www.madco-sa.org.

There will be another presentation for 7th and 8th graders at Coolidge Junior High on Monday, March 30th. Another media advisory will be sent on Friday, March 27th with the details.

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