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Monmouth County Acting Prosecutor Christopher Gramiccioni, was the speaker at a standing-room only event at Rumson-Fair Haven High School, where he sounded an alarm regarding the heroin epidemic that has gripped Monmouth County.

## Sounding the alarm

Acting Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher Gramiccioni warns parents of the heroin epidemic in Monmouth County

LITTLE SILVER — Last week, parents and young people from four towns packed the Rumson-Fair Haven High School auditorium to hear the message Acting Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher Gramiccioni has been delivering to many audiences throughout Monmouth County.

The New Jersey suburbs are experiencing a heroin epidemic that is ruining and taking lives like never before. This event was sponsored by the school districts of Rumson-Fair

wealth ... it enslaves our young people, changing their morals and ethics. Addicts will do anything to get their next fix including prostitution or grand larceny."

The acting prosecutor stated that one of the saddest statistics he cites is that the largest number of heroin addicts is under the age of 26. Another equally heartbreaking statistic is that 80 percent of those who become addicted to the drug are lost forever and never assume productive lives.

The standing room-only audience was composed of high school students and their parents. Mr. Gramiccioni explained that heroin addicts do not begin taking heroin in their 20s. Rather, young people progress to addiction while they are in high school and even middle school through gateway drugs such as alcohol, marijuana, and most significantly, prescription drugs like Opioids. The latter is known as

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The reason for the explosion in heroin use is due to the drug's cheap price and purity. Monmouth County is located between Newark and Philadelphia, the major heroin trafficking area in the world. The purity of heroin found in this area addicts a person quickly, and may kill them with one or two uses.

Mr. Gramiccioni expressed one cause for optimism.

### A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

O Most Beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, immaculate Virgin, assist me in this, my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help and show herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Sweet Mother, place this cause in your hands (three times). Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Amen.

Say this for three days and publish it, and it will be granted.

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**Now that You have been Warned of the Heroin Epidemic**

**Learn What You Can Do About It!**

**“Time to Talk...Time to Act!”**

**A forum for parents and adults who are deeply concerned about this issue**

**Thursday, February 20, 2014**

**at**

**Red Bank Regional High School**

**101 Ridge Road in Little Silver**

**6:30 (Sharp!) to 8:30 pm**

**Sponsored by the School Districts of Fair Haven, Little Silver, Red Bank Regional, Red Bank Borough, Rumson, Rumson-Fair Haven Regional, Shrewsbury, and Red Bank Catholic Shrewsbury Community Alliance Rumson-Fair Haven Community Alliance**