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Attorney General Stein, DA Murray confront opioid abuse

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Joining forces to combat North Carolina's opioid crisis, Attorney General Josh Stein and Mecklenburg County District Attorney Andrew Murray will convene a group of experts and officials this week to seek out solutions to the epidemic claiming lives across the state.

AG Stein and DA Murray will host a roundtable discussion at the District Attorney's Office on Thursday, August 24, 2017, bringing together people from all parts of the community to examine strategies for prevention, treatment and enforcement. Participants will include law enforcement officers, health care providers, public health officials, recovery and treatment experts, as well as city and county officials. Their goal is to identify effective ways to confront abuse of opioids, which include heroin and prescription pain relievers.

Opioid and heroin overdoses are now the largest cause of accidental death in North Carolina.

"Confronting the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities as North Carolina's Attorney General," says AG Stein. "As I've traveled the state and learned about what individual communities are doing to take action on this issue, I've been encouraged. I'm looking forward to learning about what people in Charlotte are doing, and to hear about what else they need to be successful."

"The simple fact is that opioids, particularly heroin, are killing our family members, neighbors, coworkers and friends," says DA Murray. "From prevention to prosecution, we need collaborative efforts across many fields to put an end to this epidemic."

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. August 24, 2017. Any media interested in attending should contact Community Liaison Coordinator Meghan McDonald at meghan.c.mcdonald@nccourts.org to arrange entry into the District Attorney's Office. For more information, media may also contact Laura Brewer, Communications Director of the Attorney General's Office, at lbrewer@ncdoj.gov or 919-716-6484.

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