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## Prosecutor Charges Genesee Twp. Man with Killing Stepbrother with Heroin Injection

**FLINT** – A Genesee Township man has been charged in the heroin overdose of his stepbrother, according to Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton.

Joseph Lewis Boras, 40 (d.o.b. 3/15/1972), of Genesee Township, has been charged with two felony counts related to the December 4, 2011 death of his stepbrother, Timothy Little, 41 of Flint Township.

According to a Flint Township Police investigation, Boras was visiting his stepbrother in Flint Township from December 3, 2011 through December 4, 2011. At one point, Boras left his stepbrother's home to purchase heroin in Flint and when he returned, he injected Little and himself with the heroin and both men went to sleep. Later in the evening of December 4<sup>th</sup>, Little's girlfriend and a neighbor found Little unresponsive on the living room floor and they called 9-1-1. Emergency medical responders and police arrived and Little's body was taken to Hurley Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Prosecutor Leyton has charged Boras with:

Count 1: Delivery of Morphine/Heroin Causing Death

Felony: punishable by up to Life in prison or any term of years.

Count 2: Delivery of Less than 50 grams of Morphine/Heroin

Felony: punishable by up to 25 years in prison and/or \$25,000.

Boras has already been arraigned and a preliminary examination is scheduled for 10:00 AM this Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, in 67<sup>th</sup> District Court.

"We have definitely seen an increase in the number of heroin deaths in our county over the past several years," said Prosecutor Leyton. "It has become one of the most deadly scourges on the streets and we need to send a strong message that those who use or sell heroin will be prosecuted," he said.

"More importantly, we need to send the message that heroin is a deadly drug that only takes one hit to kill a person. It's like playing Russian roulette with a loaded gun and we need to stop it before more lives are lost," Leyton said.