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Our communities rely on dedicated law enforcement officers to keep us safe. These men and women put their lives on the line daily, facing dangerous situations to protect citizens and deserve our unwavering support. Let's show our appreciation for their service. A strong bond between the public and those who serve is vital for a safe and thriving community.

Personal Statement from the Editor...

Welcome to the summer edition of the 2025 Narcotic Officers Magazine, Volume 14 Issue 1. We extend our sincere gratitude to all of you for your support, commitment, and unwavering dedication. This publication would not be possible without your continuous support. Our primary objective is to enlighten both the general public and the law enforcement community about the critical issues surrounding narcotics, drugs, and other substances with addictive properties. Additionally, we strive to actively promote initiatives that educate children, parents, and law enforcement personnel on the subject of drug usage.

Our primary focus remains on supporting programs that aim to educate about drugs, provide equipment donations, and support K9 initiatives. Additionally, we are dedicated to producing a top-notch magazine that serves as a platform for the exchange of ideas and information among law enforcement agencies and support groups. It is worth noting that our publication, Narcotic Officers Magazine, continues to be highly regarded for its educational value and assistance to both public safety officials and individuals interested in drug safety and education.

At Narcotic Officers Magazine, we serve as a vital bridge between law enforcement and the communities they protect, fostering an informed dialogue about the complexities of drug-related issues. Our magazine highlights the challenges faced by narcotic officers while celebrating their achievements and innovations in combating substance abuse. By offering insights, resources, and best practices, we empower law enforcement agencies to enhance their effectiveness and responsiveness in addressing drug-related crimes. For our readers, this publication is not just a source of information; it is a beacon of hope and understanding that underscores the importance of collaboration in creating safer environments for everyone. Through our collective efforts, we can inspire change, promote safety, and ultimately contribute to a healthier society.

Our publication has consistently received exceptional support from both the general public and influential members of the business community nationwide. In recognition of this support, our sponsors express their gratitude by advertising in the esteemed Narcotic Officers Magazine, showcasing their decals on their vehicles or establishments. We kindly encourage you to support these advertisers whenever feasible, as they provide a wide range of goods and services that cater to a nationwide audience. Additionally, we invite you to stay informed about the latest equipment donations and news by following us on Facebook. By working together, we have the power to bring about meaningful change.

“Uncertainty is the canvas upon which resilience is painted; it challenges us to adapt, innovate, and emerge stronger in the face of the unknown.”

Matt Neelley
- Editor



Motivational Topic: The Spirit of Service Amidst Underfunding

In the United States, many police departments face significant budget constraints, which can lead to challenges in staffing, training, and resources. Yet, despite these obstacles, the dedication and spirit of service among officers remain unwavering.

Underfunded police officers often find themselves wearing multiple hats, utilizing creativity and resourcefulness to maintain public safety and community trust. This situation calls for not only acknowledgment of their efforts but also active support from communities and policymakers to ensure that these brave men and women have the tools they need to succeed.

Motivating officers in these conditions starts with highlighting their commitment to service. It's essential to foster a culture of appreciation and understanding within the community, recognizing that behind every badge is an individual committed to making a difference, often under less-than-ideal circumstances.

Encouraging dialogue between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve can lead to innovative partnerships that enhance funding opportunities and resources. Ultimately, when we support our police officers in overcoming funding challenges, we invest in the safety and well-being of our communities, ensuring that every officer can uphold the law with the integrity and professionalism they embody.



The Value of Advertising in Narcotic Officers Magazine: A Partnership for Progress

In the ever-evolving landscape of law enforcement, the role of community engagement and support cannot be overstated. One platform that embodies this spirit is the Narcotic Officers Magazine. As a vital resource for law enforcement professionals, the magazine serves not only as a source of valuable information but also as a beacon of collaboration between businesses and officers dedicated to combatting narcotics-related crime.

Empowering Businesses Through Advertising

For businesses that choose to advertise in the Narcotic Officers Magazine, the investment goes beyond mere expense; it is an opportunity to actively contribute to a cause that matters. Each advertisement not only promotes products and services but also plays a crucial role in sustaining the magazine's operations. By funding the publication, advertisers help create a platform that informs law enforcement officers about the latest trends, tools, and tactics in the fight against drug-related crimes.

Moreover, businesses find pride in supporting a publication that is recognized and respected within the law enforcement community. Their contributions aid in funding essential programs that benefit underfunded officers, such as providing safety equipment, supporting K-9 units, and facilitating drug education initiatives. These efforts not only enhance the capabilities of law enforcement agencies but also foster a safer environment for the communities they serve.

Enhancing the Magazine with Officer Contributions

Law enforcement officers and agencies have a unique opportunity to enrich the content of the Narcotic Officers Magazine by sharing their own stories and expertise. Personal narratives, case studies, and educational articles from officers on the front lines provide invaluable insights that can guide and inspire fellow law enforcement professionals.

Submissions can range from innovative strategies in drug enforcement to firsthand accounts of overcoming challenges in the field. These contributions not only elevate the magazine's educational value but also create a sense of camaraderie and shared experience among officers nationwide. When officers share their successes and lessons learned, they empower others to adopt effective practices and foster a collaborative spirit within the law enforcement community.

Upcoming Events and Conferences

In addition to written contributions, the Narcotic Officers Magazine actively promotes upcoming events and conferences that serve both the public and law enforcement officers. These gatherings are instrumental in fostering education, networking, and the exchange of ideas.

From workshops focused on the latest advancements in drug detection technology to seminars that cover legal updates and best practices in narcotics enforcement, these events are designed to equip officers with the knowledge and skills they need to effectively serve their communities. By participating in these events, law enforcement agencies can further enhance their capabilities and ensure they are always prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Conclusion

The partnership between businesses and the Narcotic Officers Magazine is not merely transactional; it is a collaborative effort that uplifts the entire law enforcement community. By advertising in the magazine, businesses take pride in supporting vital programs and initiatives that directly impact officers and their communities. Furthermore, by contributing stories and insights, law enforcement officers can add tremendous value to the magazine, fostering a shared commitment to excellence in narcotics enforcement. Together, we can create a safer future for all.

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SECOND-IN-COMMAND OF DRUG DISTRIBUTION ORGANIZATION TIED TO ARYAN PRISON GANG SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON

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Defendant and Drug Ringleader Discussed Huge Shipments of Fentanyl Pills and Methamphetamine

Tacoma – A 61-year-old Auburn, Washington, man was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Tacoma to twelve years in prison for his leadership role in a multi-state drug distribution ring announced U.S. Attorney Tessa M. Gorman. Thomas Carver has a lengthy criminal history that includes multiple prior convictions related to drug trafficking. He served as the second-in-command to drug ringleader Jesse Bailey, a high-ranking member of the Aryan Family prison gang. The two were documented in multiple wiretapped phone calls discussing their distribution of hundreds of pounds of methamphetamine and hundreds of thousands of fentanyl pills. At the sentencing hearing Chief U.S. District Judge David G. Estudillo told Carver, “You are not a local dealer. You are someone who helped sell and distribute across the region... What is alarming are the references to these different flavored or colored pills now that are out there potentially in our streets. I do think their intent is to bring in new users.... as in younger individuals who can be easily swayed by these things.”

“We at the Drug Enforcement Administration and our partners work tirelessly to protect our community from people who sell drugs that harm and kill our citizens. Repeat offenders like Thomas Carver richly deserve long prison terms, since it is clear that there is no other way to keep our communities safe from them. Make no mistake:

If you deal drugs in Washington, our team will hold you accountable.”

“The leaders of this drug ring spread so much misery throughout our area,” said U.S. Attorney Gorman. “Mr. Carver knows first-hand the nightmare of methamphetamine addiction, and yet he routinely brought 50 pounds of the drug to our community to distribute. He also dealt in large amounts of fentanyl laced pills, a drug that has brought unprecedented numbers of overdose deaths to our community.”

According to records filed in the case, over a two-year investigation of the drug trafficking ring, agents seized an estimated 223 pounds of methamphetamine, an estimated 830,000 fentanyl pills, multiple-pound quantities of fentanyl powder, cocaine, heroin, and marijuana, \$338,000 of suspected drug proceeds, and 48 firearms from members of the conspiracy. In addition, during the coordinated arrests of the DTO members in March 2023, law enforcement seized approximately 22 pounds of methamphetamine, 26 pounds of fentanyl in pill and powder form, six pounds of heroin, more than \$330,000 of suspected drug proceeds, and 177 additional firearms. Four of those firearms were seized from the Auburn residence where Carver was arrested. Law enforcement found more than \$43,000 in cash in the room where Carver slept.

On July 9, 2024, Carver pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute controlled substances. He has been in custody at the Federal Detention Center at SeaTac since his arrest in March 2023.

Carver is the seventh member of the drug ring to be sentenced. Some defendants have received prison sentences of as much as 13 years in

prison. Less culpable defendants have been sentenced to 20-50 months in prison. Drug ringleader Jesse James Bailey pleaded guilty last month and is scheduled for sentencing on February 28, 2025.

This case is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) investigation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations that threaten the United States by using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies against criminal networks.

This investigation was led by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the FBI with critical investigative teamwork from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Washington State Department of Corrections and significant local assistance from the Tacoma Police Department, Pierce County Sheriff's Office, and the Thurston County Narcotics Task Force, led by the Thurston County Sheriff's Office. Throughout this investigation the following agencies assisted the primary investigators: Washington State Patrol, Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine, Lewis County Sheriff's Office, Lakewood Police Department, and U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS).

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TWO MEN SENTENCED FOR TRAFFICKING FENTANYL IN POCATELLO

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POCATELLO – Andrew George Haney, 41, of Torrance, California, and Anthony Michael Stratton, 35, of Pocatello, were sentenced to federal prison for conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, U.S. Attorney Josh Hurwit announced today.

According to court records, in May 2023, Stratton provided Haney with the money to transport 2,000 fentanyl pills from California to Idaho. Haney obtained the multicolored pills and concealed them in candy boxes. The Pocatello Police Department, a member of the BADGES Task Force, initiated a traffic stop on a car Stratton and Haney were traveling in and located the pills, which were later determined to contain fentanyl.

Haney was sentenced by Chief U.S. District Judge David C. Nye on April 23, 2024, to 70 months in federal prison to be followed by three years of supervised release. Stratton was sentenced by Judge Nye to 44 months in federal prison on December 5, 2024. Stratton's sentence will be served concurrent to a 5-year fixed sentence (plus 10 years indeterminate) from a Bannock County fentanyl distribution case. Once released from his state sentence, Stratton will serve a 3-year term of federal supervised release.

U.S. Attorney Hurwit commended the investigation by the Pocatello Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration, with further assistance from the Idaho State Police and the Bannock County Sheriff's Office, which led to the charges. Assistant U.S. Attorney Blythe H. McLane, a former Special Assistant United States Attorney, prosecuted the case as part

of the Eastern Idaho Partnership.

The BADGES Task Force is a collaboration of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies that focuses primarily on drug trafficking crimes in Bannock County and throughout the region.

This case was handled by the U.S. Attorney Office's specially deputized Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA), funded by the Eastern Idaho Partnership (EIP) and the State of Idaho. The EIP is a coalition of local city and county officials in Eastern Idaho as well as the Idaho Department of Correction.

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BEAUMONT MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR TRAFFICKING FENTANYL

November 14, 2024

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BEAUMONT, Texas – A Beaumont man has been sentenced to federal prison for possessing fentanyl for distribution in the Eastern District of Texas, announced Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent in Charge Daniel C. Comeaux of the Houston Division and U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Harry Francis Lowenthal, 66, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and was sentenced to 50 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone on November 12, 2024.

According to information present-

ed in court, Lowenthal was arrested following an investigation into fentanyl distribution. During the arrest, Lowenthal was found in possession of a white powdery substance and later admitted to possessing cocaine and fentanyl and to selling heroin. During a search of his residence, officers discovered a firearm, \$5,000.00 cash, and a small amount of suspected heroin and fentanyl along with indicators of drug trafficking, including plastic baggies, a digital scale and lactose powder commonly used to "bulk up" drugs. A lab analysis of the drugs confirmed that it consisted of approximately 19 grams of a fentanyl/heroin mix.

"Fentanyl, even in small amounts, is a potent synthetic opioid, approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin," said U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

"Today's sentence should send a clear message that this Office, working closely with our state and federal law enforcement partners, will continue to prosecute and seek to hold accountable drug dealers who distribute this poison and exploit addictions in the Eastern District of Texas."

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Beaumont Police Department, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Tommy L. Coleman with assistance from the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office.

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WASHINGTON MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ROLE AS “RIGHT HAND MAN” IN DEADLY DRUG DISTRIBUTION RING

October 25, 2024

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Defendant Convicted at Trial in Wide-Ranging Drug Trafficking Conspiracy

Seattle – A 42-year-old Monroe, Washington resident was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Seattle to ten years in prison for conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, announced U.S. Attorney Tessa M. Gorman. Humberto Garcia was convicted in April 2024 following a week-long trial. Garcia was arrested in December 2020 with seven other defendants tied to a drug trafficking ring distributing heroin, methamphetamine, and fentanyl throughout the Puget Sound region. At the sentencing hearing U.S. District Judge Richard A. Jones said, “Despite the fact that you had addiction you were involved in distributing very dangerous drugs.” Judge Jones also noted that Garcia was willing to provide a gun to the drug ring boss who sought to use violence to settle scores. “You were a willing and capable participant with loyalty to the drug ring leader,” Judge Jones said.

“Mr. Garcia played an important role in the conspiracy, acting as a drug redistributor, local guide, interpreter, and link to other drug dealers,” said U.S. Attorney Gorman. “He continued to distribute fentanyl even after learning of a customer overdose death. His conduct contributed to the huge spike of fentanyl overdoses in our community.”

According to records filed in the case and testimony at trial, Garcia’s

car was searched on October 3, 2020, after drug ringleader Jose Luis Ibarra-Valle, 40, asked Garcia to get him a firearm to kill another drug distributor who owed him money. A few weeks later, Ibarra-Valle was stopped returning from a drug run to California. In the car authorities found approximately 10,000 pills that contained fentanyl, more than eight kilograms of methamphetamine, and more than a kilogram of heroin. These drug amounts count towards Garcia’s conviction as part of the conspiracy.

When Garcia was arrested a few weeks later, he was found to have a firearm that matched the one he agreed to provide to Ibarra-Valle during the intercepted phone call mentioned above.

Ibarra-Valle and the other coconspirators entered guilty pleas. Last year, Ibarra-Valle was sentenced to nine years in prison. The remaining coconspirators have been sentenced, with a range of sentences from time served, to over six years in prison. Garcia is the final defendant in this case and the only one who went to trial.

Over the course of the investigation law enforcement seized 16,000 suspected fentanyl pills, 30 pounds of suspected methamphetamine, and six pounds of suspected heroin.

In asking for a lengthy prison sentence, prosecutors wrote to the court, “The wiretap revealed that Ibarra-Valle had excellent connections to sources of supply in California and/or Mexico for drugs, but little to no local knowledge of the drug market or customers here in Western Wash-

ington and no English skills. Garcia, by contrast, knew the area, knew the local drug market, and speaks both English and Spanish. As such, he was ideally placed to help Ibarra-Valle sell his product here in this District... Garcia’s possession of a firearm of course increased the danger he posed to the community.”

Following prison, Garcia will be on five years of supervised release.

The investigation was led by the Drug Enforcement Administration in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, Whatcom Gang and Drug Task Force, Washington State Patrol, Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force, United States Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, Skagit County Interlocal Drug Enforcement Unit, the Whatcom County Sheriff’s Office, the Lake Stevens Police Department and Tulalip Police Department.

This case is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) operation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. Additional information about the OCDETF Program can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF>.

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ALLEGED FENTANYL TRAFFICKER EXTRADITED FROM HONDURAS TO THE UNITED STATES TO FACE FEDERAL CHARGES

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Appeared in Federal Court in Portland, Oregon on Wednesday

PORTLAND, Ore.—A Honduran national under federal indictment for conspiring with others to distribute fentanyl was extradited from Honduras to the United States this week to face charges in the District of Oregon.

Orbin Alfredo Velasquez Layaire, 38, has been charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl.

According to court documents, in September 2022, as part of an ongoing drug trafficking investigation, special agents from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) learned that Velasquez was actively involved

in distributing fentanyl in Oregon. Investigators soon learned that Velasquez ran a dispatch-style organization that received and processed drug orders from customers in and around Portland.

In early 2023, investigators learned Velasquez had fled to Honduras. On November 15, 2023, a federal grand jury in Portland returned an indictment charging Velasquez with conspiring to distribute fentanyl.

On June 13, 2024, Velasquez was arrested in Honduras. On August 6, 2024, he was extradited to the United States.

Velasquez made his initial appearance in federal court today before a U.S. Magistrate Judge. He was arraigned, pleaded not guilty, and ordered detained pending a 5-day jury trial scheduled to begin on October 8, 2024.

This case was investigated by DEA

with assistance from the DEA Tegucigalpa, Honduras Country Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Seattle Field Office. It is being prosecuted by Paul T. Maloney, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon.

The Justice Department's Office of International Affairs worked with Honduran authorities to secure Velasquez's arrest and extradition.

An indictment is only an accusation of a crime, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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UTAH SETS RECORD FOR FENTANYL PILL SEIZURES

July 25, 2024

For Immediate Release

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2023 Record Broken By End of June 2024

SALT LAKE CITY - With less than six months remaining in 2024, the Drug Enforcement Administration's Rocky Mountain Field Division (RMFD) has already seized nearly 800,000 fentanyl pills in Utah - a new record.

In operations between January 1 and June 30, 2024, more than 774,000 fentanyl pills were seized. That total eclipsed 2023's record mark by more than 16.5% - in just six months. Last year, an estimated 664,200 pills were seized in Utah.

"It's an unfortunate record to set, especially considering it took only a half-year to get there," said DEA Rocky Mountain Field Division Special Agent in Charge Jonathan Pullen. "The number of pills coming into Utah is obviously concerning. But this also shows that DEA and our partner agencies continue to disrupt the Sinaloa and Jalisco drug cartels based in Mexico."

DEA continues to work closely with federal partners - namely, the United States Attorney's Office, District of Utah.

"Fentanyl is the deadliest drug threat in our country, and we continue to see an increase in the number of pills seized in cases involving the distribution of fentanyl in Utah," said United States Attorney Trina A. Higgins of the District of Utah. "One of the fentanyl distribution cases my office prosecuted this year included the seizure of about 200,000 fentanyl pills, which is worth nearly half a million dollars (\$450,000). Considering that more than half of those pills likely contain a lethal dose of fentanyl, the danger to our communities is staggering. My office is committed to stopping this poison from being distributed in our communities by prosecuting those responsible."

Seizure records have been set due to successful investigative work, but also because fentanyl pills continue flooding into Utah.

"These fentanyl pills are not only destined for users in Utah, but the state is also a corridor - think Interstates 15 and 80 - for drug trafficking to locations to the north and east," said Dustin Gillespie, Assistant Special

Agent in Charge of the DEA's Salt Lake City District Office.

Deadly fentanyl pills are incredibly cheap to produce - \$.02-\$.04 per pill - and are selling for \$5-\$6 each in Salt Lake City. Rural areas see even higher per-pill prices.

The RMFD is comprised of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Montana. Colorado is also on pace to break 2023 seizure records; Montana is on a similar pace and Wyoming is a bit behind last year.

DEA laboratory testing has found seven out of every ten fentanyl pills contains a potential lethal dose. The CDC reports of the more than 108,000 Americans who died last year due to drug poisoning - more than 70% of the cases involved fentanyl.

The DEA urges families to have the discussion about fentanyl.

One pill can kill, but one conversation can save.

Resources can be found at www.dea.gov/onepill

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A portion of more than 230,000 fentanyl pills recently seized in Utah



Utah broke last year's record fentanyl seizures by the end of June 2024. On display some of the seized drugs, including heroin, methamphetamine and some of the 230,000 fentanyl pills recently taken off Utah streets



Two vials used for display purposes showing potential fatal amounts of heroin and a fentanyl

DEA ISSUES WARNING ABOUT ILLEGAL ONLINE PHARMACIES

October 4, 2024 – The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has seen an increase in illegal online pharmacies selling and shipping counterfeit pills made with fentanyl and methamphetamine to unsuspecting customers in the United States who believe they are purchasing real pharmaceutical drugs such as Oxycodone, Adderall, Xanax, and other drugs from legitimate pharmacies.

As Americans increasingly turn to online pharmacies to purchase necessary medications[1], DEA is issuing this Public Safety Alert to warn of an increase in illegal online, often foreign-based websites that are deceptively targeting American consumers. DEA has identified websites being operated in India and the Dominican Republic. Many of these sites purport to be legitimate, U.S. based or FDA approved sites, but are actually working with drug traffickers to fulfill online orders with fake pills. These website operators are going to great lengths to make the websites look like legitimate online pharmacies – they offer 24-hour customer service, post online reviews and safety facts, and offer deep discounts to deceive customers into believing they were buying from a reputable business.

Often these illegal, online websites use U.S. website addresses and professional-looking designs to appear legitimate when, in fact, they are not. These companies operate illegally, deliberately deceiving American customers into believing they are purchasing safe, regulated medications when they are actually selling fake, counterfeit pills made with fentanyl or methamphetamine. Fake medications can lead to serious health risks, including harmful side effects, ineffective treatment, and even death.

During Operation Press Your Luck, announced on Monday, September 30, 2024,

DEA discovered that a U.S. based victim had ordered what she believed to be oxycodone from an online pharmacy, only to receive a fake pill made with fentanyl. The pill looked identical to a real oxycodone, but it was not - it was made with fentanyl and filler. Days after receiving the medication, the victim passed away from acute fentanyl poisoning as a result of taking one of the pills sent to her.

The DEA has identified the following fake pharmacies in a recent criminal investigation:

www.Curecog.com

www.Pharmacystoresonline.com

www.Careonlinestore.com

www.yourpharmacy.online

www.MD724.com

www.Greenleafdispensarystore.com

www.Whatishydrocodone.weebly.com

www.Orderpainkillersonline.com

www.USAMedstores.com

If you have purchased alleged medication from any of these websites, you should immediately stop using it and contact your local DEA office or report the incident here.

The only safe prescription medications are those prescribed by a licensed medical provider and dispensed by a trusted pharmacy.

Patients should remain vigilant when purchasing medications online.

DEA remains committed to the safety and health of the American people, which is why we are urging consumers to exercise extreme caution when purchasing medications online. While it can be difficult to identify an illegal online pharmacy, the following are possible red flags that a

website is not a legitimate:

- Sells prescription drugs without requiring a valid prescription from a healthcare provider
- Offers much cheaper prices than what is typically seen in the market
- Lists prices in a foreign currency
- Does not contain proof of a valid pharmacy state license or DEA registration
- Medicine arrives in broken or damaged packaging or in a foreign language
- Medicine does not have an expiration date or is expired
- Medicine looks different from what you have received in the past from your trusted pharmacist

For more information on how to keep you and your loved ones safe from illegal and fake pills, visit DEA's One Pill Can Kill resource page. Visit the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's BeSafeRx campaign page for information on how to safely buy prescription medicines online and to locate a state-licensed online pharmacy. You can also contact your state board of pharmacy to verify a pharmacy's license.

DEA is committed to working jointly with the medical community to ensure legitimate controlled substances are not being diverted for illegal use.

[1] The characteristics and operations of "online pharmacies" investigated in relation to medicines popularized during the coronavirus pandemic: a cross-sectional study - PMC (nih.gov)

DEA issues warning about illegal online pharmacies. DEA. (n.d.). <https://www.dea.gov/alert/dea-issues-warning-about-illegal-online-pharmacies>

FENTANYL SUPPLY CHAIN

Introduction

Fentanyl is the greatest threat facing Americans today. It is the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 18 and 45. The Mexican drug cartels responsible for the fentanyl smuggled into the United States – the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco Cartel – operate global criminal enterprises and rely on a global supply chain. To end the most devastating drug crisis that our country has ever faced, DEA is taking unprecedented action to target every aspect of the global fentanyl supply chain.

Major Announcements

China-Based Chemical Manufacturing Companies and Employees Indicted for Alleged Fentanyl Manufacturing and Distribution



Global Fentanyl Supply Chain

April 14, 2023 - DOJ and DEA Announce Charges against Chapitos

“Today’s indictments send a clear message to the Chapitos, the Sinaloa Cartel, and criminal drug networks around the world that the DEA will stop at nothing to protect the national security of the United States and the safety and health of the American people,” said DEA Administrator Anne Milgram. “The Chapitos pioneered the manufacture and trafficking of fentanyl – the deadliest drug threat our country has ever faced – flooded it into the United States for the past eight years and killed hundreds of thousands of Americans. Over the last year and a half, the DEA proactively infiltrated the Sinaloa Cartel and the Chapitos network, obtained unprecedented access to the organization’s highest levels, and followed them across the world. I am grateful to the men and women of the DEA for their exceptional work on this case, which is the beginning of our work as ‘One DEA’ to dismantle every part of the criminal cartels that are killing Americans at record rates.”

May 05, 2023 - DEA Operation Last Mile Tracks Down Sinaloa and Jalisco Cartel Associates Operating within the United States

“The Sinaloa and Jalisco Cartels use multi-city distribution networks, violent local street gangs, and individual dealers across the United States to flood American communities with fentanyl and methamphetamine, drive addiction, fuel violence, and kill Americans,” said Administrator Milgram. “What is also alarming—American social media platforms are the means by which they do so. The Cartels use social media and encrypted platforms to run their operations and reach out to victims, and when their product kills Americans, they simply move on to try to victimize the millions of other Americans who are social media users.”



June 23, 2023 - DEA Administrator's Remarks on China-Based Chemical Manufacturing Companies and Arrests

"Today's announcement is a considerable step forward in our unrelenting fight against fentanyl, targeting the threat where it starts. These companies and individuals are alleged to have knowingly supplied drug traffickers, in the United States and Mexico, with the ingredients and scientific know-how needed to make fentanyl – a drug that continues to devastate families and communities across the United States, killing Americans from all walks of life. Targeting entire criminal drug networks, from the source of supply to the last mile of distribution, is critical to saving American lives. DEA will not stop until this crisis ends."

October 03, 2023 - China Based Chemical Manufacturing Companies and Employees

"The Drug Enforcement Administration is actively targeting every single aspect of the global fentanyl supply chain—so that we can put an end to the most devastating drug crisis our country has ever seen."

November 22, 2023 - Operation Blues Brothers

"DEA will turn over every stone, and follow every lead, until we end this crisis. And we ask our partners in the private sector to do the same. We must do more—we must all do more—to end the fentanyl crisis once and for all."



February 26, 2024 - DEA Issues Letter to E-Commerce Companies on the Sale of Pill Presses Used to Make Fentanyl Pills

"Drug traffickers are killing Americans by selling fentanyl hidden in fake pills made to look like real prescription medicines. This is possible because drug traffickers are able

to buy the tools they need, like pill presses and stamps, online," said DEA Administrator Anne Milgram. "E-commerce platforms cannot turn a blind eye to the fentanyl crisis and to the sale of pill presses on their platforms. They must do their part to protect the public, and when they do not, DEA will hold them accountable."



June 18, 2024 - Administrator Milgram Announces Significant Development in International Drug Money Laundering Case

"Relentless greed, the pursuit of money, is what drives the Mexican drug cartels that are responsible for the worst drug crisis in American history," said DEA Administrator Anne Milgram. "This DEA investigation uncovered a partnership between Sinaloa Cartel associates and a Chinese criminal syndicate operating in Los Angeles and China to launder drug money. Laundering drug money gives the Sinaloa Cartel the means to produce and import their deadly poison into the United States. DEA's top operational priority is to save American lives by defeating the cartels and those that support their operations. This investigation is the latest example, and there is more to come."

Fentanyl supply chain. DEA. (n.d.-b). <https://www.dea.gov/resources/fentanyl-supply-chain>

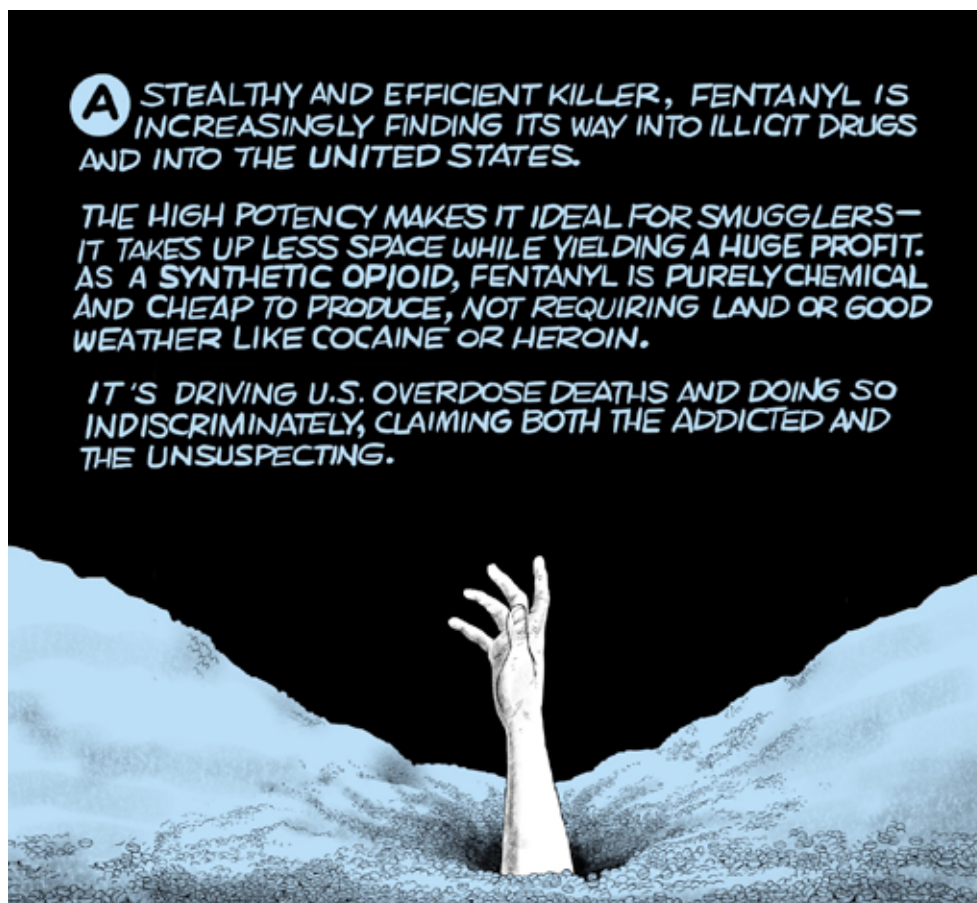
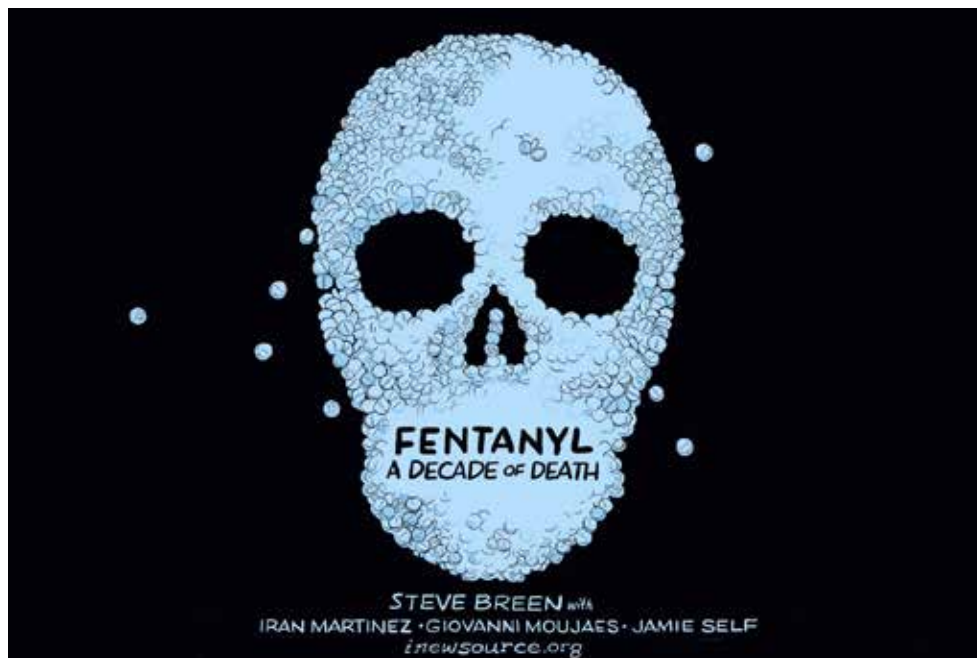
FENTANYL: A DECADE OF DEATH

Last Updated: Thursday January 23, 2025

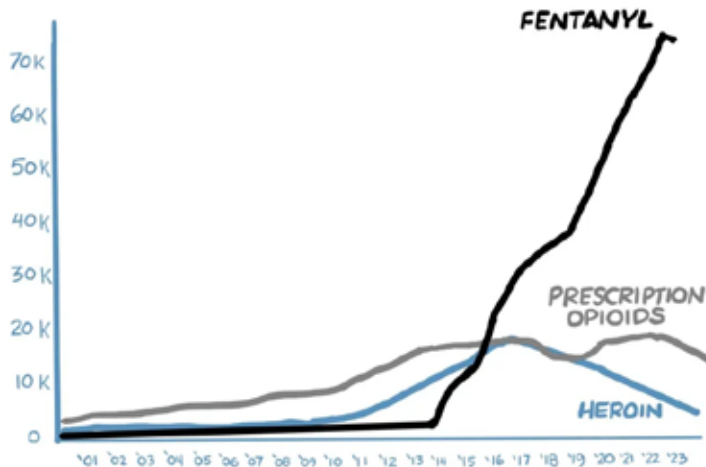
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U.S. FENTANYL OVERDOSE DEATHS HAVE SKYROCKETED *

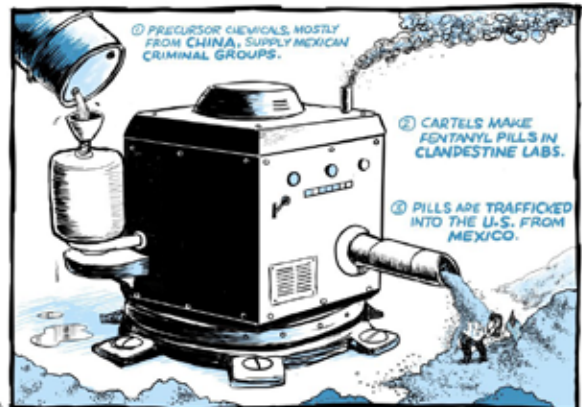


THOUGH FENTANYL KILLED SLIGHTLY FEWER PEOPLE IN 2023 THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, THE DRUG STILL HOLDS COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE U.S., INCLUDING SAN DIEGO, IN A DEADLY GRIP.



* SOURCE: CDC

WHERE IS IT COMING FROM?



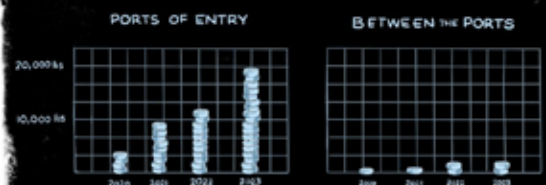
PORTS OF ENTRY



MIGRANTS ARE NOT THE PROBLEM...

Officials say the majority of fentanyl enters the U.S. through ports of entry like those in San Diego and Tucson. It's smuggled in via cars, trucks and drug mules (often U.S. citizens). It's a myth that migrants are sneaking in large quantities of fentanyl and meth.

FENTANYL SEIZED AT U.S.-MEXICO BORDER



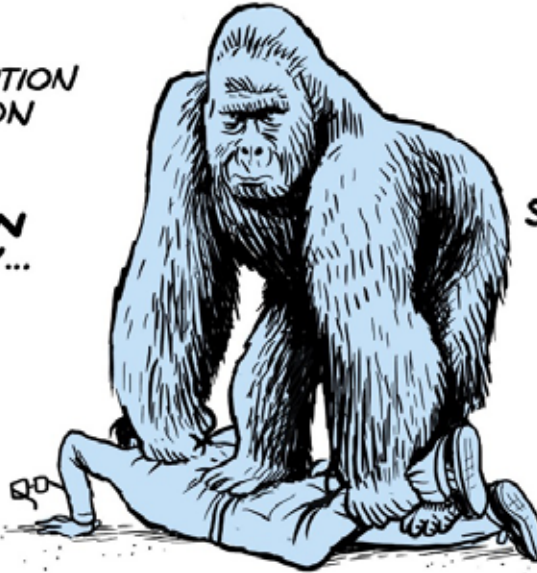
Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection data.

STRENGTH

FENTANYL IS 100X STRONGER THAN WHAT YOU CAN GET FROM YOUR DOCTOR.



IF PRESCRIPTION
MEDICATION
WERE A
4.5 lb
CAPUCHIN
MONKEY...



FENTANYL
WOULD BE
A 450 lb
SILVERBACK
GORILLA.

EFFECTS ON THE BODY

RELAXATION

EUPHORIA

SEDATION

DROWSINESS

CONFUSION

NAUSEA & VOMITING



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WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK SOMEONE IS OVERDOSING:

- CALL 911
- ADMINISTER NARCAN (NALOXONE)
IF POSSIBLE
- KEEP PERSON AWAKE AND BREATHING
- LAY PERSON ON THEIR SIDE TO PREVENT
CHOKING
- STAY WITH THEM UNTIL EMERGENCY
WORKERS ARRIVE

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA) 1-800-662-4357
AMERICAN ADDICTION CENTERS : (866) 921-2569
CRISIS LIFELINE: 988

NARCAN

CALL **211** TO FIND NARCAN/NALOXONE NEAR YOU

HOW TO BUY MEDICINES SAFELY FROM AN ONLINE PHARMACY



Have you ever been tempted to buy your medicines from an online pharmacy or another website?

You can protect yourself and your family by being cautious when buying medicine online. Some pharmacy websites operate legally and offer convenience, privacy, cost savings and safeguards for purchasing medicines.

Not all websites are the same. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration warns that there are many unsafe online pharmacies that claim to sell prescription drugs at deeply discounted prices, often without requiring a prescription. These internet-based pharmacies often sell unapproved, counterfeit or otherwise unsafe medicines outside the safeguards followed by licensed pharmacies.

Many unsafe online pharmacies use fake “storefronts” to mimic licensed pharmacies or to make you think their medicines come from countries with high safety standards. But the medi-

cines they sell could have been made anywhere, with little care or concern for safety and effectiveness. Also, these drugs could be fake, expired or otherwise unsafe for you and your family.

How can you tell if an online pharmacy is operating legally? The FDA’s BeSafeRx page has resources and tools to help you make safer and more informed decisions when buying prescription medicines online.

Warning Signs of an Unsafe Online Pharmacy

Beware of online pharmacies that:

- Do not require a doctor’s prescription.
- Are not licensed in the U.S. and by your state board of pharmacy.
- Do not have a licensed pharmacist on staff to answer your questions.
- Send medicine that looks different than what you receive at your usu-

al pharmacy, or arrives in packaging that is broken, damaged, in a foreign language, has no expiration date, or is expired.

- Offer deep discounts or prices that seem too good to be true.
- Charge you for products you never ordered or received.
- Do not provide clear written protections of your personal and financial information.
- Sell your information to other websites.

These pharmacies often sell medicines that can be dangerous because they may:

- Have too much or too little of the active ingredient you need to treat your disease or condition.
- Not contain the right active ingredient.
- Contain the wrong ingredients or other harmful substances.

The active ingredient of an approved drug product is what makes the medicine effective for the illness or condition it is intended to treat. If a medicine has unknown active ingredients, it could fail to have the intended effect, could have an unexpected interaction with other medicines you are taking, could cause dangerous side effects, or could cause other serious health problems, such as serious allergic reactions.

Also, these drugs may not have been stored properly, such as in a warehouse without necessary temperature controls, which may cause the medicine to be ineffective in treating your condition.

Know the Signs of a Safe Online Pharmacy

There are ways you can identify a safe online pharmacy. These pharmacies:

- Always require a doctor's prescription.
- Provide a physical address and telephone number in the U.S.
- Have a licensed pharmacist on staff to answer your questions.
- Are licensed with a state board of pharmacy.

Another way to help ensure you are using a safe and legal online pharmacy is to check the pharmacy's license in the state's board of pharmacy license database by using the location tool on the FDA's BeSafeRx website. If your online pharmacy is not listed, don't use that pharmacy.

Resources to Shop Safely Online

- Learn more about the risks of buying prescription medicine from unsafe online pharmacies.
- Report sales of medicine on the in-

ternet by unsafe online pharmacies to the FDA.

- Report adverse effects caused by any medicine to the FDA's Med-Watch program.
- Visit the FDA's web page on counterfeit medicine for more information.

Commissioner, O. of the. (n.d.). The possible dangers of buying medicines over the internet. U.S. Food and Drug Administration. <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/how-buy-medicines-safely-online-pharmacy>

RECOVERY RESOURCES

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in 14 Americans reports experiencing a substance use disorder. Some people may use drugs to cope with stress, trauma, or to help with mental health issues. Some may develop an addiction after misusing opioids that have been prescribed by a licensed physician.

Know the Signs of Addiction:

- Difficulties at school, disinterest in school-related activities, and declining grades
- Poor work performance, being chronically late to work, appearing tired and disinterested in work duties, and receiving poor performance reviews
- Changes in physical appearance, such as wearing inappropriate or dirty clothing and a lack of interest in grooming
- Altered behavior, such as an increased desire for privacy
- Drastic changes in relationships

- A noticeable lack of energy when performing daily activities
- Spending more money than usual or requesting to borrow money
- Issues with financial management, such as not paying bills on time
- Changes in appetite, such as a decreased appetite and associated weight loss
- Bloodshot eyes, poor skin tone, and appearing tired or run down
- Defensiveness when asked about substance use

If you or someone you know has a mental health condition or a substance use disorder, there are resources and services available to assist with screening, treatment, and recovery:

Step by Step Guides to Finding Treatment for Drug Use Disorders How to Find Help

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National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). Find current research and publications at nida.nih.gov.

If I want help, where do I start?

Asking for help is the first important step. Visiting your doctor for a possible referral to treatment is one way to do it. You can ask if they are comfortable discussing drug use screening and treatment. If not, ask for a referral to another doctor. You can also contact an addiction specialist. There are 3,500 board-certified physicians who specialize in addiction in the United States. The American Society of Addiction Medicine website has resources for patients and their families, including information on how to find a physician who can treat addiction. You do not need a doctor's name; simply fill out the zip code section, and it will reveal treatment experts in your area. In addition, the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry also has a Patient Referral Program.

It takes a lot of courage to seek help for a drug problem because there is

a lot of hard work ahead. However, treatment can work, and people recover from addiction every day. Like other chronic diseases, addiction can be managed successfully. Treatment enables people to counteract addiction's powerful, disruptive effects on brain and behavior and regain control of their lives.

How do I find a treatment center?

If you or your medical specialist decides you can benefit from substance use treatment, you have many options. You can look for a treatment center online at <https://findtreatment.gov/> by simply entering your zip code. If you have difficulty navigating the site or prefer to speak with someone on the phone, you can call the helpline and get some advice on how to proceed: 1-800-662-HELP (4357). This service is supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This online treatment finder will allow you to search geographically and will also give you information about the treatment center.

SAMHSA's National Helpline

<https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>

1-800-662-HELP (4357)

TTY: 1-800-487-4889

Website:

www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline

<https://www.findtreatment.gov>

Also known as the Treatment Referral Routing Service, this Helpline provides 24-hour free and confidential treatment referral and information about mental health and substance use disorders, prevention, and recovery, in English and Spanish.

Drug-Free Workplace

1-800-WORKPLACE (967-5752)

Website: www.samhsa.gov/workplace/resources/drug-free-helpline

Assists employers and union representatives with policy development, drug testing, employee assistance, employee education, supervisor training, and program implementation.

Naloxone

Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly



reverses an opioid overdose. It is an opioid antagonist. This means that it attaches to opioid receptors and reverses and blocks the effects of other opioids. Naloxone can quickly restore normal breathing to a person if their breathing has slowed or stopped because of an opioid overdose.

- Naloxone Drug Facts | National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- Opioid Overdose Toolkit | SAMHSA
- Naloxone for Opioid Overdose: Life-Saving Science | National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- Is naloxone accessible? | National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- The Helping to End Addiction Long-term Initiative | NIH HEAL Initiative
- Medications to Treat Opioid Disorder | National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Buprenorphine Practitioner & Treatment Program Locator

Find information on locating practitioners and treatment programs authorized to treat addiction and dependence on opioids, such as heroin or prescription pain relievers, at SAMSHA.gov.

Opioid Treatment Program Directory

Find treatment programs in your state that treat addiction and dependence on opioids, such as heroin or prescription pain relievers at Opioid Treatment Program Directory.

Learn More

Find out more about these treatment topics:

- SAMHSA Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator: Confidential and anonymous source for individuals seeking treatment facilities for substance use disorder, addiction, and mental health concerns.
- Find a Health Center: Some health centers provide mental health and substance use disorder services. Contact the health center directly to confirm availability of specific services and to make an appointment.
- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs
- Behavioral Health Treatment and Services
- Implementing Behavioral Health Crisis Care
- Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders
- Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Prevention
- Suicide Prevention
- Principles of Drug Addiction Treatment
- Medication-Assisted Treatment

Warning Signs of Drug Abuse

Use of recreational drugs, over the counter medications or prescription drugs can lead to substance use issues. It can frequently lead to problems at work, home, school, and in relationships, and leave the user feeling

isolated, helpless, or shamed. If you're worried about your own or a loved one's drug use, it's helpful to know the warning signs and more importantly, that help is available and treatment works.

Common signs and symptoms of drug abuse

- Risk taking when you're using, such as driving, having unprotected sex
- Neglecting responsibilities at school, work, or home
- Legal trouble, such as arrests for disorderly conduct, driving under the influence

Physical warning signs of drug abuse

- Bloodshot eyes, pupils larger or smaller than usual
- Changes in appetite, sleep patterns, physical appearance
- Unusual smells on breath, body, or clothing, or impaired coordination

Behavioral signs of drug abuse

- Drop in attendance and performance at work or school
- Engaging in secretive or suspicious behaviors
- Sudden change in friends, favorite hangouts, and hobbies



Psychological warning signs of drug abuse

- Unexplained change in personality or attitude
- Sudden mood swings, irritability, spaced-out, or angry outbursts
- Appears fearful, anxious, or paranoid, with no reason

Recognizing there's a problem is the first step on the road to recovery, which often takes tremendous courage and strength. If you're ready to face your addiction and are willing to seek help, you have the opportunity to build a satisfying, drug-free life for yourself.

For immediate help and information on treatment, contact the Redline

Phone: (800) 889-9789

Recovery resources. DEA. (n.d.-b). <https://www.dea.gov/recovery-resources>

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Warning signs of drug abuse. (n.d.). <https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/substance-abuse-services/treatment---recovery/treatment---recovery/prescription-for-success/warning-signs-of-drug-abuse.html>

A POLICEMAN'S PRAYER

Saint Michael, heaven's glorious commissioner of police, who once so neatly and successfully cleared God's premises of all its undesirables, look with kindly and professional eyes on your earthly force.

Give us cool heads, stout hearts, and uncanny flair for investigation and wise judgment.

Make us the terror of burglars, the friend of children and law-abiding citizens, kind to strangers, polite to bores, strict with law-breakers and impervious to temptations.

You know, Saint Michael, from your own experiences with the devil, that the police officer's lot on earth is not always a happy one; but your sense of duty that so pleased God, your hard knocks that so surprised the devil, and your angelic self-control give us inspiration.

And when we lay down our night sticks, enroll us in your heavenly force, where we will be as proud to guard the throne of God as we have been to guard the city of all the people.

Amen.



MEMORIAL SECTION



Chief of Patrol Kevin Canavan
Nassau County Police Department, NY
EOW: Sunday, June 30, 2024
Cause: 9/11 related illness



Police Officer Jamieson Ritter
Cleveland Division of Police, OH
EOW: Thursday, July 4, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Probationary Police Officer Edgar Ordonez
New York City Police Department, NY
EOW: Wednesday, July 10, 2024
Cause: Heatstroke



Police Officer Matthew Bowen
Vacaville Police Department, CA
EOW: Thursday, July 11, 2024
Cause: Vehicular assault



Deputy Sheriff Fernando Esqueda
Harris County Sheriff's Office, TX
EOW: Thursday, July 11, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Corporal Robert William Sumner
Oklahoma Department of Corrections, OK
EOW: Sunday, July 14, 2024
Cause: Automobile crash



Corporal Mohamed Said
Melvindale Police Department, MI
EOW: Sunday, July 21, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Correctional Officer Hunter Scott Miller
Kentucky Department of Corrections, KY
EOW: Thursday, July 25, 2024
Cause: Heart attack



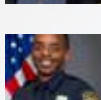
Senior Corporal Segus R. Jolivet
Lafayette Police Department, LA
EOW: Thursday, July 25, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Detective Kenneth B. Campbell
New York City Police Department, NY
EOW: Thursday, July 25, 2024
Cause: 9/11 related illness



Deputy Sheriff Rafael Wordlaw
Cook County Sheriff's Office - Department of Corrections, IL
EOW: Tuesday, July 30, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Police Officer Demetrice Lavelle Johnson
Memphis Police Department, TN
EOW: Friday, August 2, 2024
Cause: Automobile crash



Master Deputy Sheriff Bradley Michael Link
Lake County Sheriff's Office, FL
EOW: Saturday, August 3, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Patrolman Troy Floyd
Summit Police Department, MS
EOW: Thursday, August 8, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Supervisory Correctional Systems Specialist Marc Alan Fischer
United States Department of Justice - Federal Bureau of Prisons, US
EOW: Friday, August 9, 2024
Cause: Exposure to toxins



Deputy Sheriff Hunter Reedy
Smyth County Sheriff's Office, VA
EOW: Friday, August 9, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Sergeant Billy Randolph
Fort Worth Police Department, TX
EOW: Monday, August 12, 2024
Cause: Struck by vehicle



Deputy Sheriff Brandon Tyler Cunningham
Paulding County Sheriff's Office, GA
EOW: Saturday, August 17, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Patrolman James Crowley
Chicago Police Department, IL
EOW: Thursday, August 22, 2024
Cause: Vehicular assault



Trooper Steven P. Bilodeau
New York State Police, NY
EOW: Thursday, August 22, 2024
Cause: 9/11 related illness



Investigator Taylor Jaimeson Bristow
Carroll County Sheriff's Office, GA
EOW: Friday, August 23, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Police Officer Austin Machitar
San Diego Police Department, CA
EOW: Monday, August 26, 2024
Cause: Vehicular assault



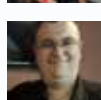
Investigator Wayne Ellis David
Metropolitan Police Department, DC
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Cause: Gunfire (Inadvertent)



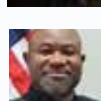
Police Officer Darron Lee Burks
Dallas Police Department, TX
EOW: Thursday, August 29, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Officer Phylcia Carson
Osage Beach Police Department, MO
EOW: Saturday, August 31, 2024
Cause: Vehicle pursuit



Constable Shane R. Eyre
Vienna Town Constable's Office, NY
EOW: Sunday, September 1, 2024
Cause: Heart attack



Corporal Raymond Kuuchi
United States Department of Veterans Affairs Police Services, US
EOW: Monday, September 2, 2024
Cause: Heart attack



Officer First Class Mark Reynolds
South Carolina State Transport Police, SC
EOW: Wednesday, September 4, 2024
Cause: Heart attack



Police Officer Zane Tristan Coolidge
Phoenix Police Department, AZ
EOW: Friday, September 6, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Police Officer Jeremy Boykins
West Palm Beach Police Department, FL
EOW: Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Cause: Heart attack



Police Officer Jaime Junior Roman
Philadelphia Police Department, PA
EOW: Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Corporal Brandon Schreiber
Newton County Sheriff's Department, IN
EOW: Wednesday, September 11, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Trooper Enrique Delgado-Garcia
Massachusetts State Police, MA
EOW: Friday, September 13, 2024
Cause: Duty related illness



Motor Carrier Officer Daniel Kerstetter
Michigan State Police, MI
EOW: Sunday, September 15, 2024
Cause: Automobile crash



Deputy Sheriff Joshua C. Phipps
Russell County Sheriff's Office, KY
EOW: Monday, September 16, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Police Officer David Lee
St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, MO
EOW: Sunday, September 22, 2024
Cause: Vehicular assault



Trooper Kevin Alexis Ramirez-Vasquez
Texas Department of Public Safety - Texas Highway Patrol, TX
EOW: Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Cause: Struck by vehicle



Deputy Sheriff Cailee Campbell
Oswego County Sheriff's Office, NY
EOW: Wednesday, September 25, 2024
Cause: Automobile crash



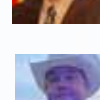
Patrol Officer Dale Coski
Denver Police Department, CO
EOW: Thursday, September 26, 2024
Cause: Struck by vehicle



Major Michelle Lynn Quintero
Madison County Sheriff's Office, NC
EOW: Friday, September 27, 2024
Cause: Weather/Natural disaster



Court Officer Charles James Lau
Macon County Sheriff's Office, NC
EOW: Saturday, September 28, 2024
Cause: Weather/Natural disaster



Deputy Constable Ruben Garcia
Cameron County Constable's Office - Precinct 1, TX
EOW: Monday, September 30, 2024
Cause: Vehicular assault





Detective Clarence E. Word, III
New York City Police Department, NY
EOW: Tuesday, October 1, 2024
Cause: 9/11 related illness



Deputy Sheriff Lex Allen Love
Wise County Sheriff's Office, TX
EOW: Wednesday, October 2, 2024
Cause: Automobile crash



Park Ranger Kevin Melvin Grossheim
United States Department of the Interior - National
Park Service, US
EOW: Sunday, October 6, 2024
Cause: Drowned



Deputy Sheriff Timothy Wayne Stanley Johns
Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office, AL
EOW: Tuesday, October 8, 2024
Cause: Heart attack



Detective Maurice 'Mo' Joseph
Norfolk Police Department, VA
EOW: Wednesday, October 9, 2024
Cause: 9/11 related illness



Corrections Officer Bradford D. McNew
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, FL
EOW: Saturday, October 12, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Trooper Corey S. Thompson
Illinois State Police, IL
EOW: Friday, October 18, 2024
Cause: Motorcycle crash



Assistant Special Agent in Charge Joseph Love
United States Department of Homeland Security
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement -
Homeland Security Investigations, US
EOW: Saturday, October 19, 2024
Cause: 9/11 related illness



Senior Investigator John L. Carey
New York State Police, NY
EOW: Thursday, October 24, 2024
Cause: 9/11 related illness



Police Officer Enrique Martinez
Chicago Police Department, IL
EOW: Monday, November 4, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Police Officer Evan Dunn
Golden Police Department, CO
EOW: Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Cause: Vehicular assault



Chief Deputy Burl Wesley Everman
Bath County Sheriff's Office, KY
EOW: Saturday, November 9, 2024
Cause: Heart attack



Deputy Sheriff Ralph 'Butch' Waller, Jr.
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, FL
EOW: Thursday, November 21, 2024
Cause: Struck by vehicle



Corporal Luis Paez
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, FL
EOW: Thursday, November 21, 2024
Cause: Struck by vehicle



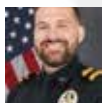
Deputy Constable Katherine Hutson
Harris County Constable's Office - Precinct
5, TX
EOW: Friday, November 22, 2024
Cause: Vehicular assault



Senior Officer Specialist Louis Pepe
United States Department of Justice - Federal
Bureau of Prisons, US
EOW: Sunday, November 24, 2024
Cause: Assault



Deputy Sheriff Ignacio 'Dan' Diaz
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, FL
EOW: Monday, November 25, 2024
Cause: Struck by vehicle



Police Officer Cooper Dawson
Greenville Police Department, TX
EOW: Tuesday, November 26, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Police Officer Jesse Branch
Red Lake Nation Police Department, TR
EOW: Wednesday, November 27, 2024
Cause: Automobile crash



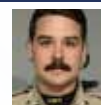
Police Officer Philip J. Schifini
Nassau County Police Department, NY
EOW: Wednesday, November 27, 2024
Cause: 9/11 related illness



Detective Allan Reddins
Oak Park Police Department, IL
EOW: Friday, November 29, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Police Officer Jacob Candanoza
Terrell Police Department, TX
EOW: Sunday, December 8, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Police Officer II Colton Dale Pulsipher
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department,
NV
EOW: Thursday, December 12, 2024
Cause: Vehicular assault



Sergeant Rick Finley
McNairy County Sheriff's Office, TN
EOW: Saturday, December 14, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Sergeant Elio Diaz
Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, FL
EOW: Sunday, December 15, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Air Interdiction Agent Jeffrey Kanas
United States Department of Homeland
Security - Customs and Border Protection -
Air and Marine Operations, US
EOW: Monday, December 16, 2024
Cause: Aircraft accident



Detention Officer Isaiah Patrick Bias
Ellis County Sheriff's Office, TX
EOW: Monday, December 16, 2024
Cause: Assault



Corporal Dennis Francis Kelly
Delaware State Police, DE
EOW: Saturday, December 21, 2024
Cause: Aircraft accident



Trooper Clay M. Carns
Illinois State Police, IL
EOW: Monday, December 23, 2024
Cause: Vehicular assault



Police Officer Michael Horan
Greensboro Police Department, NC
EOW: Monday, December 23, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



Correction Officer Andrew Lansing
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and
Correction, OH
EOW: Wednesday, December 25, 2024
Cause: Assault



Major Jeffrey A. Burke
New Jersey State Police, NJ
EOW: Tuesday, December 31, 2024
Cause: 9/11 related illness



K9 MEMORIAL



K9 Archer
Madison County Sheriff's Office, FL
EOW: Friday, July 5, 2024
Cause: Heatstroke



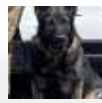
K9 Mikka
Lee County Sheriff's Office, SC
EOW: Friday, September 20, 2024
Cause: Fire



K9 Draco
Mount Airy Police Department, NC
EOW: Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



K9 Vader
Arnold Police Department, MO
EOW: Thursday, August 1, 2024
Cause: Heatstroke



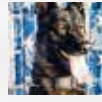
K9 Riddick
Nampa Police Department, ID
EOW: Saturday, September 21, 2024
Cause: Vehicular assault



K9 Titan
Coweta County Sheriff's Office, GA
EOW: Wednesday, November 13, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



K9 Odin
Alton Police Department, IL
EOW: Thursday, August 22, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



K9 Kodak
Richland County Sheriff's Department, SC
EOW: Thursday, October 10, 2024
Cause: Duty related illness



K9 Bumi
Richland County Sheriff's Department, SC
EOW: Monday, December 23, 2024
Cause: Gunfire



K9 Dolar
Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, OK
EOW: Thursday, September 19, 2024
Cause: Heatstroke



Closing Statement from the Editor: Summer Edition 2025 of Narcotic Officers Magazine

As we conclude this significant issue of the Narcotic Officers Magazine, it is essential to reflect on the pressing challenges and triumphs faced by law enforcement in the battle against narcotics and drug abuse. This edition encapsulates critical themes ranging from the value of community support and advertising in law enforcement publications to the alarming rise of fentanyl and its devastating consequences.

The Value of Community Engagement

In our first article, we explored the immense value that advertising in the Narcotic Officers Magazine brings to both the law enforcement community and participating businesses. Advertisers play a crucial role in sustaining our publication, which ultimately informs officers about the latest tools and trends in narcotics enforcement. Their contributions not only support funding for essential programs but also foster community safety and education initiatives. The partnership between local businesses and law enforcement enhances the capabilities of officers, ensuring they are well-equipped to serve and protect their communities.

Remembering Our Fallen Heroes

The magazine also pays tribute to the brave officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Our feature on officer deaths serves as a solemn reminder of the risks faced daily by those who protect us. Each name represents a story of dedication and commitment, highlighting the need for ongoing support and resources for our law enforcement personnel. It is imperative that we honor their legacy by actively working to improve the conditions under which they serve.

Addressing the Fentanyl Crisis

A central theme throughout this issue is the fentanyl crisis, which continues to pose a significant threat to public safety. Articles detailing the fentanyl supply chain and the DEA's efforts to combat this epidemic shed light on the complex network of drug trafficking

and the dire consequences that ensue. With fentanyl being the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18 to 45, it is clear that this crisis demands urgent attention and collaborative action from all sectors of society.

Furthermore, our discussion on safe online pharmacies emphasizes the importance of vigilance among consumers. With dangerous counterfeit medications flooding the market, it is crucial for the public to be informed about how to safely purchase medications and recognize the signs of illegal online pharmacies. This education empowers individuals to protect themselves and their families from the dangers of unregulated substances.

A Call for Continued Support and Collaboration

As we look ahead, it is vital to acknowledge the ongoing challenges faced by police departments, often underfunded and overstretched. The articles in this issue encourage dialogue between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve, fostering innovative partnerships that can enhance funding opportunities and resources. Together, we can create a culture of appreciation that recognizes the tireless dedication of officers committed to maintaining public safety.

In closing, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our readers, contributors, and advertisers. Your support is invaluable, and it is through our collective efforts that we can continue to address the complexities of drug-related issues and work towards fostering safer communities. Let us remain vigilant, informed, and united in our mission to combat drug abuse and support those who protect and serve.

"Together, we can create a safer future for all."

Matt Neelley, Editor
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