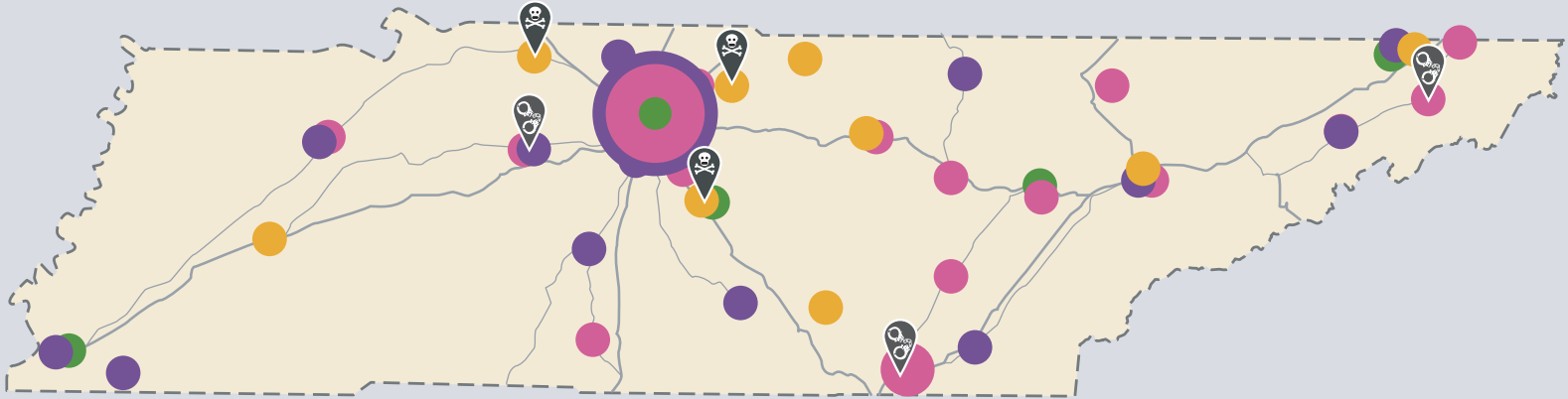


# THE DEADLY COUNTERFEIT DRUG TRADE THRIVES IN TENNESSEE

Counterfeit pills, intravenous and injectable medications have injured and even killed Tennessee patients.



**FAKE BOTOX & OTHER TREATMENTS**  
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**FAKE FENTANYL PILLS**

**OTHER DRUGS & PILL-PRESS SEIZURES**

**DEATHS**  
**CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS**

**FAKE CANCER DRUGS**

Bristol  
Chattanooga  
Cookeville  
Crossville  
Dayton  
Dickson  
Gallatin  
Greenville  
Hendersonville  
Hixson  
Johnson City  
Kingston  
Knoxville  
La Follette  
McKenzie  
Nashville  
Pulaski  
Smyrna

**CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS**

CHATTANOOGA  
DICKSON  
JOHNSON CITY

**FAKE BOTOX**

Brentwood  
Cleveland  
Collierville  
Columbia  
Dickson  
Gallatin  
Greenville  
Hendersonville  
Kingsport  
Knoxville  
McKenzie  
Memphis  
Jamestown  
Nashville  
Springfield  
Tullahoma

**FAKE FENTANYL PILLS**

Antioch  
Clarksville  
Coalmont  
Cookeville  
Knoxville  
Madison  
Murfreesboro  
Red Boiling Spring  
Sullivan County

**FENTANYL PILL DEATHS**

ANTIOCH  
CLARKSVILLE  
MURFREESBORO

**OTHER DRUGS & PILL-PRESS SEIZURES**

Kingsport  
Kingston  
Memphis  
Murfreesboro  
Nashville



## Counterfeit drug smugglers lined their own pockets by infiltrating the illicit opioid market and the prescription drug supply to the detriment of Tennessee's residents.

Unregulated prescription drugs—counterfeit Avastin, fake Botox, and others—have sprung up in communities across Tennessee. Between 2012 and 2016, 52 different medical practices in Tennessee were among more than 3,000 nationwide that were implicated in various black-market supply chains associated with counterfeit cancer treatments and other therapies.<sup>4</sup> In 2012, Dr. William Kincaid, a Johnson City oncologist, pleaded guilty to using non FDA-approved medicines on his patients.<sup>5</sup> Families of his patients will never be sure whether their loved one's lives were cut short by fake medicines smuggled into the country by profiteers.<sup>6</sup>

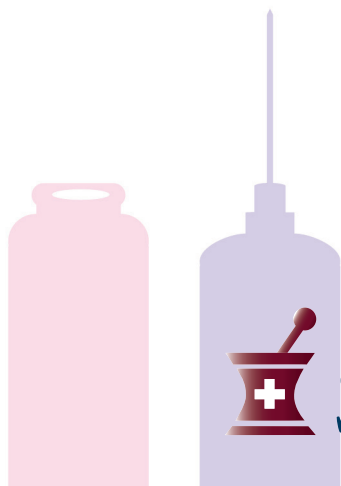
Since 2015, the country has seen a terrible upsurge in counterfeit prescription pills laced with fentanyl or its deadlier variants. **Even a fraction of a single pill can mean death in less than 30 minutes of ingesting it.** In July 2017, police in Coalmont arrested two individuals who allegedly distributed over 100,000 illegal prescription pills and counterfeit pills made with fentanyl.<sup>1</sup> On a single day in June 2016, authorities in Rutherford County saw 15 overdoses and one death caused by counterfeit Percocet pills laced with fentanyl.<sup>2</sup> Newspapers have reported deaths in Antioch, Clarksville and Murfreesboro, but many more Tennessee residents have likely died of fentanyl poisoning after encountering these pills because not all pill deaths are investigated for counterfeit drugs, and not all families publicly share their losses.<sup>3</sup>

The only way to protect Americans from these dangers is to protect and strengthen the closed U.S. supply chain, which holds drug manufacturers accountable for safety regulations.

To see a list of counterfeit drug incidents in Tennessee between 2010 and 2018, please consult our [2018 Infosheet](#).

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