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COUNTERFEIT MEDICINE REPORT

Alaska, August - December 2022

Fake pills containing fentanyl remain the primary issue in recent counterfeit medicine news out of Alaska. Data released in July noted that drug-related deaths in 2020 among Native Americans and Alaska Natives had increased [nearly 40% over the previous year](#). The Anchorage Police Department suspect counterfeit fentanyl pills played a role in the overdoses of [residents aged between 14 and 70](#). Police seized [21,500 fentanyl pills](#) from a Kodiak man and police in Fairbanks [seized 4,000 pills](#) during an investigation.

Counterfeit medicine is not just sold on social media, shady websites, or on street corners. Between 2012 and 2016, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration sent letters to five doctors and medical practices throughout the state warning them to stop purchasing medications from known black market wholesalers. The drugs being sold included cancer treatments and Botox.

Recent Incidents

December 2022

Fentanyl Pills Seized: Ashley O'Hara, "[Troopers arrest man in Seward for possession of drugs, firearm](#)," *Peninsula Clarion*, December 12, 2022.

November 2022

Fentanyl Pills Seized: Riley Board, "[Troopers seize fentanyl in Moose Pass, as busts and overdoses rise around the state](#)," *Alaska Public Media*, November 11, 2022.

Fentanyl Pill Dealer Charged: Tim Rockey, "[Kodiak man faces multiple felony charges; over 20,000 fentanyl pills seized](#)," *Alaska's News Source*, November 10, 2022.

October 2022

Counterfeit Pill Overdoses: Zachariah Hughes, "[More counterfeit painkillers are showing up in Anchorage, raising risks of overdose](#)," *Anchorage Daily News*, October 1, 2022.

August 2022

Fentanyl Pills Seized: Raegan Miller, "[Ketchikan police seize close to half a million dollars worth of fentanyl, meth and heroin after tracking package through the mail](#)," *KRBD*, August 31, 2022.

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