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COUNTERFEIT MEDICINE REPORT

Arkansas, July – December 2022

Amid [shortages of insulin](#) and a [surge of fentanyl](#), fake pills are still making news in Arkansas. Authorities indicted 80 people linked to drug trafficking and violence in the area between Pine Bluff and Little Rock. A DEA operation identified methamphetamine and fentanyl dealers in central Arkansas who received thousands of pressed fentanyl pills from California. Other dealers were indicted for selling counterfeit oxycodone pills imported from Phoenix, Arizona.

In the past, the FDA warned 17 medical practices for buying black market cancer treatments or Botox between 2012 and 2016. In 2014, a Texarkana company helped conceal the source of \$50 million in secondhand HIV/AIDS, antipsychotic, antidepressant, acid reflux, blood pressure and diabetes treatments to American pharmacies. These drugs were often damaged or expired. In 2011, a Pine Bluff doctor was sentenced for implanting illegally imported IUDs without patient consent.

Recent Incidents

November 2022:

Pipeline of drugs and firearms include thousands of pressed pills: U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Arkansas, "[Three Federal Operations in Pine Bluff and Little Rock Lead to Dozens of Drug & Firearm Arrests](#)," November 9, 2022.

September 2022:

Little Rock man pleaded guilty to selling counterfeit oxycodone pills: "[LR Man Says Guilty in 2021 Fentanyl Case](#)," *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, September 23, 2022.

Three indicted for selling fentanyl laced pills: Ariel Mallory and Emily Van de Riet, "[Pulaski County Woman Pleads Guilty to Federal Charge of Trafficking Fentanyl](#)," *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, September 16, 2022

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