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**COUNTERFEIT MEDICINE REPORT**

Idaho, March – December 2022

Idaho's residents are bearing an ever increasing wave of fentanyl pills. The [fentanyl-related death rate doubled from 2020 to 2021](#). By mid-2022, authorities were routinely confiscating hundreds and sometimes thousands of pills alongside heroin and increasingly large quantities of methamphetamine. Six drug traffickers received prison sentences for making, possessing and/or selling fentanyl pills, including men who sold pills that killed a 22-year-old in Bellevue, and a Sandpoint teenager. Media also reported a new pill death in Bannock County.

Counterfeits have impacted other areas of Idaho life. In April, the FDA warned a supplement business in Kooskia to stop selling unapproved remedies. An Idaho man died [after taking counterfeit painkillers he ordered online](#) in 2017. In 2019, a doctor [admitted implanting non-FDA approved, imported breast implants](#) into patients, and between 2012 and 2016, seven Idaho doctors were warned by the FDA to stop buying Botox from known counterfeit sellers.

### Recent Incidents

December 2022

**900 fentanyl pills seized, Magic Valley:** Dani Birzer, "[Two Arizona men, one Nevada man prosecuted for drug possession, delivery](#)," *KTVK/KPHO*, December 19, 2022.

**1500 fentanyl pills seized, Caldwell:** "[Caldwell police seize fentanyl, guns, other drugs in "stash house" bust](#)," *Idaho Press*, December 5, 2022.

November 2022

**1000 fentanyl pills seized, Lewiston-Clarkston Valley:** Kaylee Brewster, "[Two arrested in L-C Valley for allegedly having around 1,000 fentanyl pills](#)," *Yahoo!News*, November 22, 2022.

October 2022

**Man sentenced for selling pills that killed Sandpoint teen:** "[Washington man sentenced for involvement in Sandpoint teen's death](#)," U.S. Department of Justice, October 20, 2022.

September 2022

**Man sentenced for pill trafficking:** "[Arizona man sentenced for trafficking fentanyl in Eastern Idaho](#)," U.S. Department of Justice, September 2, 2022.

August 2022

**Twin Falls man sentenced for 6,000-pill seizure in 2021:** "[U.S. attorney announces sentences in two drug distribution cases](#)," U.S. Department of Justice, August 19, 2022.

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**Wilder man sentenced for drug trafficking:** [“Wilder man sentenced to more than 10 years for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, and fentanyl,”](#) U.S. Department of Justice, August 3, 2022.

July 2022

**1800 fentanyl pills seized, Garden City:** [“Boise man arrested after police find guns, drugs and cash in vehicle,”](#) KTVB-7, July 7, 2022.

**Man sentenced for selling pills that caused Bellevue death:** Emily Jones, [“Bellevue fentanyl dealer gets 4 years in federal prison,”](#) Idaho Mountain Express, July 1, 2022.

June 2022

**Death from fentanyl pills, Bannock County:** Kalama Hines, [“Five indicted in connection to Bannock County fentanyl death,”](#) East Idaho News, December 23, 2022.

May 2022

**Man sentenced for making and selling fentanyl pills, Boise:** [“Boise man gets 20-to-life for conspiracy to deliver fentanyl, traffic heroin,”](#) KTVB-7, May 27, 2022.

**680 fentanyl pills seized in traffic stop near Coeur d'Alene:** Chansé Watson, [“Montana men arrested for drug trafficking,”](#) Shoshone News-Press, May 27, 2022.

April 2022

**FDA warning a supplement business about fake remedies, Kooskia:** Anteia Elswick, [“FDA warns North Idaho business of ‘serious violations’ with its sale of mineral supplements,”](#) Idaho Capital Sun, July 1, 2022.

March 2022

**Over 4000 fentanyl pills seized near Inkom:** Shelbie Harris, [“Police: Two local men facing up to life in prison if convicted of meth, fentanyl charges,”](#) Idaho State Journal, March 22, 2022.

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