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COUNTERFEIT MEDICINE REPORT

Kansas, July 2022 - January 2023

Fake pills made with fentanyl have dominated the counterfeit news out of Kansas since July 2022. Law enforcement reported seizing fentanyl pills in Atchison, Hutchinson, Garden City, Wichita, Junction City, Kansas City, and Sedgwick and Sanders Counties. Riley County Police issued a public warning in October after opening their sixth recent investigation believed to be linked to counterfeit pills. A Lawrence native was found dead in his Ottawa home from a suspected fentanyl pill poisoning just after Christmas.

Dangerous fake medicine has found its way into Kansas from places other than street corners, shady websites or social media apps. Sometimes, members of the medical profession have purchased medicine from unlicensed sources. Between 2012 and 2016, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration sent letters to ten doctors and medical practices across Kansas warning them to stop buying medicine from known black market wholesalers. These letters were in reference to cancer medications and Botox.

Recent Incidents

January 2023

Police seized fentanyl pills in Kansas City: Cole West, "[Police sweep of Kansas shipping center nets 10,000 pills laced with fentanyl](#)," *KAKE*, January 25, 2023.

Wichita man admitted to selling deadly fentanyl pill: "[Wichita man pleads guilty to fentanyl distribution](#)," U.S. Department of Justice, January 24, 2023.

December 2022

Fentanyl pills seized in Sanders County: Dennis Bragg, "[Sanders County deputies praise citizen tip leading to major fentanyl bust](#)," *Newtalk KGVO*, December 28, 2022.

Fentanyl pill kills 23-year-old in Ottawa: Chris Conde, "[23-year-old Lawrence native who died of a suspected fentanyl overdose wanted to leave a legacy of kindness 'just because'](#)," *Lawrence Journal-World*, January 6, 2024.

Potential fentanyl pills seized in Junction City: Matthew Self, "[2,500 pills possibly containing fentanyl, cocaine seized in Junction City drug bust](#)," *KSNT*, December 8, 2022.

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November 2022

Police seized fentanyl pills in Garden City: “[Mother arrested, police search for father after infant’s apparent drug overdose](#),” *KWCH*, November 23, 2022.

October 2022

Nearly 1 million fentanyl pills seized in Wichita: Daniel Fair, “[Kansas police seize guns, roughly 1M fentanyl pills in multi-day investigation](#),” *KSNT*, October 20, 2022.

Riley County Police Department issued a fentanyl pill warning: Matthew Self, “[Fake prescription pills cause more overdoses in Kansas, police respond with warning](#),” *KSNT*, October 14, 2022.

Second Lawrence resident charged in connection to fentanyl pill death: Chris Conde, “[Lawrence man charged in connection with 2021 fentanyl death](#),” *Lawrence Journal-World*, October 6, 2022.

September 2022

Fentanyl pills seized in Garden City: “[Nearly 1,000 fentanyl-laced pills seized in Garden City traffic stop](#),” *KWCH*, September 27, 2022.

Pair arrested with suspected fentanyl pills in Atchison: Briane Dulle and Jonathan Ketz, “[Two arrested in Atchison for suspicion of distributing pills laced with fentanyl](#),” *Fox4 KC*, September 8, 2022.

July 2022

Fentanyl pills seized in Sedgwick County: “[Security breach: Weapons, drugs found at Kansas jail](#),” *Hays Post*, July 22, 2022.

Hutchinson Police seized fentanyl pills: John Green, “[Hutchinson Police seize more than 140 fake oxy pills containing suspected fentanyl](#),” *The Hutchinson News*, July 1, 2022.

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