

 *The Partnership for*
SAFEMEDICINES[®]
COUNTERFEIT MEDICINE REPORT

Texas, July 2022 - January 2023

Fake prescription pills have had a tremendous negative impact in Texas. Since July, law enforcement has seized fentanyl pills and/or pill presses across Texas and at its southern border. Related deaths were reported in Abilene, Cypress, San Antonio, Wichita Falls and Hays County, and on-base at Fort Hood. Law enforcement and public health and advocacy groups are working hard to improve the situation.

The problem isn't limited to fentanyl pills. Since 2020, four Texas companies were named in a lawsuit over sales of fake bottles of HIV medicines and authorities have busted drug rings making and selling fake cough syrup and fake Adderall made of methamphetamine. From 2012 to 2016, the FDA warned 253 Texan medical practices to stop buying from companies that had sold fake cancer and injectable medicines. Other major prescription drug counterfeiting cases in the state stretch back to 2007.

Recent Incidents

January 2023

Fentanyl precursors, fake Xanax, pill presses seized, Houston: Cory McCord, "[4 arrested during massive drug bust at NW Houston warehouse. DPS says,](#)" *KHOU 12*, January 30, 2023.

Fentanyl pills seized, Dallas, Austin, and Eagle Pass Port of Entry: "[Fentanyl courier charged after agent seizes 6,000 pills,](#)" Department of Justice, January 27, 2023; "[Over 3,000 fentanyl pills, other drugs seized in North Austin,](#)" *Fox7 Austin*, January 20, 2023 and "[CBP officers seize over \\$170k in fentanyl at Eagle Pass Port of Entry,](#)" Customs and Border Protection, January 19, 2023.

Guilty plea in Abilene pill death: "[Drug trafficker pleads guilty to selling fatal fentanyl,](#)" Department of Justice, January 20, 2023.

November 2022

Fentanyl pills seized, Lubbock: Gabriel Monte, "[2 charged after thousands of fentanyl pills seized in South Lubbock motel,](#)" *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, December 19, 2022.

Scan the QR code or go to [safedr.ug/TX-page](https://safedr ug/TX-page) for more information on counterfeit incidents in Texas.



 *The Partnership for*
SAFEMEDICINES[®]
COUNTERFEIT MEDICINE REPORT

October 2022

Fentanyl pills seized, Wichita Falls, Amarillo, and Del Rio: Lynn Walker, "[Another suspect jailed on fentanyl charges](#)," *Wichita Falls Times Record News*, November 5, 2022; "[APD: Search warrant results in fentanyl seizure, arrest Friday](#)," *Yahoo!News*, October 25, 2022 and "[Del Rio Sector Agents Seize over \\$100,000 in Mixed Narcotics](#)," Customs and Border Protection, October 24, 2022

Killeen man sentenced in Fort Hood pill death: "[Texas man convicted, sentenced in fentanyl overdose death of Fort Hood soldier](#)," *KWTX*, October 11, 2022.

September 2022

Fentanyl pills, powder, pill press seized, Plano: "[Collin County man charged with distributing fentanyl in the Eastern District of Texas](#)," Department of Justice, January 12, 2023.

Fentanyl pills seized, Laredo. "[Young Laredoan admits to transporting fentanyl disguised as oxycodone](#)," Department of Justice, December 14, 2022.

August 2022

Florida man pleaded guilty in Texas fake cough syrup ring: "[Pharmaceutical president and company guilty in counterfeit drug trafficking conspiracy](#)," Department of Justice, August 22, 2022.

Teen deaths, Cypress and Hays County: Damali Keith, "[Joshua Gillihan, 14, died from fentanyl poisoning back in August in Cypress](#)," *Fox 26 Houston*, December 15, 2022 and "[Three Hays CISD students have died from suspected fentanyl overdoses in past month, school district says](#)," *KVUE*, August 23, 2022.

July 2022

Teen and young adult deaths, Wichita Falls and San Antonio: Trish Choate, "[Wichita Falls woman arrested Monday on manslaughter charge for fentanyl-related death](#)," *Wichita Falls Times Record News*, November 21, 2022 and Alicia Barrera and Adam B. Higgins, "[Family's fear of deadly fentanyl overdose confirmed by Medical Examiner's Office](#)," *KSAT*, October 14, 2022.

Scan the QR code or go to safedr ug/TX-page for more information on counterfeit incidents in Texas.

