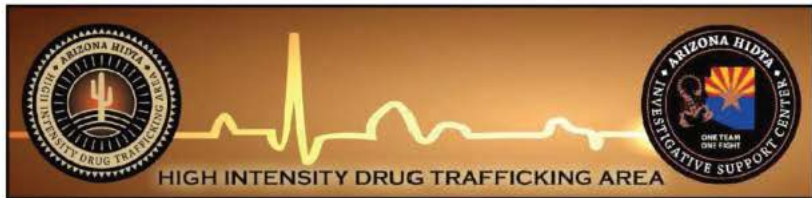


BREAKING NEWS!!!



OPIOID MONITORING INITIATIVE

****ALERT****

Counterfeit Colored Pills Circulating in Arizona Communities

****FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE****

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SOURCES: Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (AZ HIDTA)
Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)
Phoenix Police Department (PPD)
U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

ATTN: Public

This information is being shared with the public for situational awareness and safety purposes.

In early August, the Phoenix Police Department seized 39,000 counterfeit M-30 pills containing fentanyl. Among the counterfeit pills seized were pastel colored counterfeit M-30 pills. While the counterfeit blue M-30 is still the most frequently seized fentanyl pill in Arizona, law enforcement officials are seeing more of the pastel or bright multi-colored pills in communities. According to law enforcement, these counterfeit pills are being referred to as "rainbows" and "Skittles" like the candy. In Arizona, young adults and teenagers are overdosing on counterfeit pills disguised as M-30 Oxycodone. According to the DEA, fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin as an analgesic.



Photo Credit: Phoenix Police Department

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BREAKING NEWS:

Candy-like fentanyl pills are being seized in Arizona.

Drug dealers are not shying away from marketing to youth. Please talk early & talk often to your children about the dangers of drug use.

ONE pill can KILL.