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COUNTERFEIT MEDICINE REPORT

Wyoming, February 2022 – January 2023

While Wyoming reported its first counterfeit pill death in February 2021, it has since had a wave of six more known fentanyl-pill related deaths, the most recent in January 2023. Hundreds of pills are often found on suspects during searches, but thousands have been found in several cases including a multi-state distribution ring and an intrastate conspiracy.

Between 2013 and 2016, medical practices in Wyoming were warned for buying black market cancer treatments and Botox from unsafe sources. In 2018, a Torrington resident was arrested after receiving a package of counterfeit tapentadol, oxycodone and fentanyl pills from India and two Riverton men were charged after receiving a year's supply of steroids in the mail from China.

Recent Incidents

January 2023:

Cody man killed by fake pill: [“Testimony: alleged dealer admitted selling fentanyl-laced drugs that killed Wyoming man,”](#) *Cowboy State Daily*, January 11, 2023.

September 2022:

Gillette men sentenced in case involving fentanyl pills: [“Gillette man gets 24 years for intent to deliver meth and fentanyl,”](#) *Buffalo Bulletin*, September 26, 2022. [“Gillette man found with 7,000 fentanyl pills and 10 pounds of meth sentenced federally,”](#) *Gillette News Record*, August 13, 2022.

March 2022:

Billings resident pleaded guilty to trafficking more than 9,000 fentanyl pills: [“Billings woman admits trafficking meth, fentanyl,”](#) U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Montana, March 22, 2022.

CA and NV residents pulled over with more than 1,000 pills: [Two accused of carrying 8 pounds of meth, 1,000 fentanyl pills near Gillette,”](#) *Powell Tribune*, March 24, 2022.

February 2022:

Fentanyl pill ring across Casper, Douglas, Glenrock, Cheyenne and Denver, CO: [“Eight month DEA, DCI, and CPD investigation into fentanyl dealer ring yields felony arrest,”](#) *Oil City News*, February 16, 2022.

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