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President's Message

Dear Members and Sponsors,

I am honored to be your incoming President and I want to acknowledge the leadership provided by outgoing ANOA President Jeremy Butcher. His hard work paved the way for a successful training conference in 2023. I look forward to serving as President, but I'm humbled too, especially considering the many outstanding, inspiring, and tireless members who keep this well-oiled machine running day in and day out throughout the year.

On behalf of the ANOA Board of Directors, I want to thank all who attended our 35th Annual Conference at the Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix. As a result of the support from our loyal members, ANOA has continued to evolve and grow to provide the best possible training annually. The 2023 ANOA Conference keynote speaker was Jonathan Mattingly, a retired sergeant from the Louisville Police Department, known for his involvement in the Breonna Taylor investigation. Jonathan Mattingly's firsthand account of the Breonna Taylor raid was captured in his book and presentation, *12 Seconds in the Dark*. Not only did he present his factual experience reflecting this incident, he provided ANOA members and their families a separate interactive session about lessons learned and the impact on his family.

I would like to thank Nicholas Voss, owner of Treffen Saint John, for his incredible audio visual assistance and overall support for law enforcement. Our vendor show and raffle continue to grow and provide amazing products and prizes for our members. The 6th Annual Cornhole Tournament was a success resulting in over 50 teams battling for prizes and the coveted "Jim Molesa Wrestling Belt." We value our partnership with the Arizona National Guard who assisted ANOA staff throughout the conference.

My gratitude goes out to former ANOA presidents John Kozeliski and Phil Hawk, our Executive Director. My humble beginning with ANOA stems from a great working relationship fostered over ten years ago working narcotics investigations in West Phoenix. I began instructing classes for ANOA conferences and eventually joined the organization as a regional representative. Thank you for the opportunities and friendships you've created along the way.

As stated on our organization's webpage, our goal is simple: we started an association that could provide the best training available for the money to the officers in Arizona to fight the war on drugs. I would like to thank each and every one of you and your families for your dedication and sacrifice in keeping Arizona and each other safe.

Moving forward the continued success and growth of ANOA and the Training Conference would not be possible without the support of the membership and the state of Arizona law enforcement community, as law enforcement professionals, continue to train, network, and foster relationships. These are the most important aspects of our careers. Our ability to network is a force multiplier during a time when our staffing and manpower is at an all-time low.

The 2023-24 ANOA Board of Directors are hard at work planning our 36th Annual Training Conference, which is slated for July 29 – August 1, 2024, at our newest location, the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass in Phoenix. Looking forward to seeing you there for advanced training and new networking opportunities. It is an honor and pleasure serving as your 2023-24 ANOA President.

Benjamin Catalano, President
Phoenix Police Department





MAJOR TUCSON AREA STREET LEVEL DEALER GETS ARRESTED TWICE

On July 20, 2023, Pima County Sheriff Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle leaving a residence known for prostitution and drug activity. The sole occupant of the vehicle was identified. During a search of the vehicle, 6,168 blue M30 fentanyl pills, 36.03 grams of heroin, .96 lbs. of methamphetamine, 79.78 grams of cocaine, 400 alprazolam pills, 52.1 grams of MDMA pills, and 4.758 grams of psilocybin mushroom were located which were all packaged for sale in various amounts.

Following the arrest, Detectives from the Pima County Counter Narcotics Alliance (Narcotic and Violent Crime Unit) received information that the suspect was still actively selling illegal narcotics in the Tucson area. On September 12, 2023, surveillance was established on his residence and a traffic stop was conducted on his vehicle. The Suspect was in possession of 6,429 blue M30 fentanyl pills, 1.07 lbs. of methamphetamine, 210 alprazolam pills, 8.85 grams of cocaine, and 12.36 grams of heroin. A search warrant was served on his residence, and an additional 1.5 pounds of heroin and a large amount of U.S. and Mexican currency were located.





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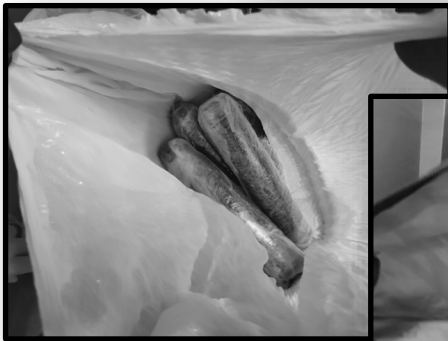
The Phoenix Police Department organized and deployed a crime suppression project called “Operation Summer Shield” in an effort to curb annual summertime crime rate spikes. This project involved partnering with numerous other law enforcement agencies and was aimed at clearing outstanding felony warrants, organized retail theft, drugs, and weapon offenses.

During this operation, officers from the Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) 61X squad received a complaint about a male suspect who was selling a large quantity of fentanyl pills in the area of 1900 West Northern Avenue in Phoenix. After conducting extensive record checks, a possible suspect was identified, and his vehicle was located in west Phoenix. Unmarked surveillance was established on the suspect and officers observed possible drug activity occurring. An electronic tracking warrant was authored and served on the suspect's vehicle. Electronic tracking was monitored diligently for several weeks.

While analyzing the data, it was determined that the suspect was frequenting a storage facility near 1900 West Northern Avenue. The facility had all interior facing units and customers parked their vehicles inside the facility in order to access the lockers. Officers contacted an employee who was extremely helpful in providing security footage of the interior facility. Officers were able to determine which storage locker the suspect was accessing and found that the locker was leased to the suspect's mother. It was also determined that the suspect's wife was an active participant in the illegal activity and was assisting the suspect. After obtaining storage facility access data, GPS data, and officer observations, a search warrant for the suspect's home and vehicles was obtained.

While exiting the storage facility in July 2023, the suspect and his wife were arrested by NET officers. At the time of his arrest, the suspect was in possession of the keys to the storage locker. A search incident to arrest his wife revealed several thousand fentanyl pills and methamphetamine in her purse. Officers then searched the storage locker where they located approximately 42,000 fentanyl pills, one pound of methamphetamine, and 15 firearms. The firearms included both handguns and rifles. There were also thousands of rounds of live ammunition in large military ammunition containers. Indicia of drug sales including scales, ledgers, and packaging material were also seized in the storage unit. A search of the suspect's vehicle revealed a loaded handgun under the driver's seat. The suspect was a convicted felon and prohibited from possessing firearms. The search warrant service continued at the suspect's residence where more than \$16,000 in U.S. currency was seized from a locked safe in his bedroom. A 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee and a 2018 Dodge Charger Hellcat were seized. The suspect and his wife were booked into the Maricopa County Jail and the prosecution is ongoing.





PINAL COUNTY SEIZES POWDERED FENTANYL - STREET VALUE \$15 MILLION

Pinal County Sheriff's Office Detectives received information an Arizona City resident was sending large quantities of narcotics through the mail. On August 30, 2023, detectives surveilling the suspect observed him drop off a package at a local UPS store. Detectives intercepted the package and discovered it contained a kilo of powdered fentanyl. The following day detectives executed two search warrants, first at a home in Arizona City and the second at a home within the City of Eloy.

Two additional kilos of powdered fentanyl and six kilos of cocaine were seized at the homes.

In total, the three kilos of powdered fentanyl were potent enough to make up to 3 million fentanyl pills, with a street value of \$15 million or more. The suspect had been shipping the bundles out of state to New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, and Nebraska. The suspect was booked into the Pinal County Jail for numerous drug-related offenses.



MOHAVE AREA GENERAL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM (MAGNET)

Bullhead City Police MAGNET detectives, Kingman MAGNET detectives, and MCSO (Mohave County Sheriff's Office) deputies arrested two suspects for transportation of narcotic drugs for sale. Additionally, one was charged with theft and misconduct involving a weapon.

On Thursday, October 12, at approximately 3 a.m., MCSO deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle occupied by both suspects after observing traffic violations in the area of 6000 Minerva Lane in Kingman, Arizona. Both were contacted, and due to their suspicious behaviors, a MCSO K-9 was deployed and alerted to the odor of illegal narcotics in the vehicle. MCSO deputies found a large quantity of packaged counterfeit "M-30" pills containing fentanyl concealed in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle also revealed a stolen firearm. Approximately 2,300 counterfeit "M-30" blue pills containing fentanyl were seized during the incident.



On Thursday, October 26, at approximately 3:30 a.m., MCSO deputies contacted a white SUV occupied by two males in the area of Fort Rock Road and I-40. One vehicle occupant was arrested for a misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear out of Bullhead City Municipal Court. Illegal items were observed in plain view. MCSO deputies found a large quantity (3,000 pills) of packaged counterfeit "M-30" pills containing fentanyl concealed in the vehicle.



On Thursday, October 26, at approximately 1:30 a.m., MCSO deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle occupied by two subjects after observing traffic violations in the area of Milepost 59 on I-40. The driver was contacted and advised illegal drugs were inside the vehicle. A MCSO K-9 was deployed and alerted to the odor of illegal narcotics. MCSO deputies found a large quantity of packaged counterfeit “M-30” pills containing fentanyl concealed in the vehicle. A total of approximately 4,000 pills and a half ounce of packaged methamphetamine were seized during the incident .



On Saturday, February 3, at 4 a.m., MCSO deputies pulled over a tow truck for a traffic violation in the area of Shinarump Drive and Oatman Highway in Golden Valley. A MCSO K-9 alerted on the vehicle. Deputies located about 10,000 blue counterfeit “M-30” pills and approximately 13 grams of methamphetamine in a backpack located in the cab of the tow truck belonging to the passengers.

Male and female occupants were both arrested for transportation of dangerous drugs for sale and transportation of narcotic drugs for sale.



MAGNET A HIDTA INITIATIVE





PHOENIX SOCIAL MEDIA BUST

In November 2023, officers from the Phoenix Police Department Neighborhood Enforcement Team 61X squad became aware of a suspected drug dealer in Phoenix, Arizona, who was advertising the sale of illegal drugs via social media. During the investigation, officers negotiated the sale of a quantity of methamphetamine and agreed to meet a “driver” at an agreed upon location in Phoenix, in order to conduct the drug sale/transaction.

On November 7th, 2023, officers identified the suspect and suspect vehicle and established unmarked surveillance in the area of 4300 West Encanto Boulevard. The suspect was observed entering a nearby apartment. A record check of the suspect indicated he was a deported felon and was wanted by the Arizona Department of Corrections to serve the remainder of his prison sentence if he returned to the United States. Suspect was taken into custody, without incident. After exiting his apartment.

During the service of a search warrant on the suspect’s vehicle and apartment, officers located approximately 7 pounds of methamphetamine and a quantity of cocaine for personal use. The methamphetamine was packaged into multiple bundles and wrapped with clear cellophane/plastic wrap. Two of the smaller bundles appeared to be coated in blue dish soap, in an attempt to mask the odor of methamphetamine.



The suspect appeared to be working for a larger drug trafficking organization in the Phoenix area. The suspect was booked into the Maricopa County jail for possession of dangerous drugs for sale and possession of narcotic drugs.

YUMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Yuma County Sheriff’s Office received information that two stolen vehicles out of a rental company in Phoenix were “pinging” in Yuma County from an aftermarket installed GPS device. The vehicles were shown “pinging” around the area of West 8th Street and South Alicia Avenue. Vehicles were described as two 2022 Dodge Chargers.

When deputies attempted to make contact at the residence, subjects refused to exit and barricaded. A search warrant was obtained and executed to retrieve the vehicles from the

property. While searching the residence for keys and registrations belonging to the vehicle(s), deputies found 9.5 lbs. of methamphetamine, 2.84 lbs. black tar heroin, and 115 “M-30” pills containing fentanyl.

The Yuma County Narcotics Task Force was contacted, and they assisted with the investigation. The stolen vehicles were recovered, and the subjects involved were arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center.



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FENTANYL FAQ

If you investigate narcotics in any fashion these days, then you know the drug that is drawing the most focus is Fentanyl and for good reason.

Fentanyl in all its forms, its analogs and the various polydrug additives have made their way into every nook and cranny of law enforcement. Patrol officers are the most likely to encounter it without even looking. However, if one were to name any specialty assignment, you would quickly find this extremely potent opioid in their reports, debriefings and impounds on a regular basis. From Homicide Detective to the School Resource Officer, Motor Officer to SWAT team member, and everything between.

For Narcs, it has become part of daily life.

With that being said, we need to continue to educate ourselves in preparation for preparing police reports, affidavits, booking narratives, and submittals. It is, of course, the narcotic investigators who will be relied upon for grand jury testimony, expert opinion testimony, defense interviews, and trial. These last areas are where a firm grasp on the topic will serve us best.

A number of frequently asked questions (FAQ's) on fentanyl.

Q: Is fentanyl a narcotic or a dangerous drug?

A: Narcotic. Fentanyl is classified in Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) as a Narcotic drug under ARS 13-3401.20 (xx) (*fentanyl*) and (xx) (*analogs*). This is because at its core it is a synthetic opioid or the same family as heroin or oxycodone.

Drug Class: *Analgesic Opioid Agonists* (an-al-ge-sic Opioid ag-o-nist) Medicine used to relieve pain (*Opioid*) substance which initiates a physiological response when combined with an opioid receptor in the human body. The three primary physical actions of an opioid are to minimize or block pain signals sent through the nerves, slow or reduce the amount of blood flow through reduction of heart and lung activity, as well as an initial rush of dopamine into the reward center of the brain.

Fentanyl is a Synthetic Opioid. Synthesized or chemically manufactured in a (*often clandestine*) laboratory rather than produced and often modified from a natural occurring narcotic.

Q: I keep hearing both “Opioid” and “Opiate” when people refer to fentanyl. What is the correct term?

A: Opioid. “Opiate” refers to natural opioids produced

from the flowering opium poppy such as heroin, morphine, opium, and codeine (*yes, codeine is derived from natural plant material*). “Opioid” in general, refers to synthetically produced products, though it is accepted as the more general term of the family of drugs in total.

Natural opioid medicines, like morphine and codeine, are extracted from poppy plants or other sources. Semi-synthetic opioids — oxycodone or hydrocodone — also derive from the poppy plant, but are lab enhanced. Synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, are completely lab created.

Q: How potent is fentanyl compared to heroin?

A: 50 times more potent. Though one should be aware that because illicit fentanyl is typically produced in a clandestine laboratory, there is no guarantee here. The more precise answer is that it is up to 50 times more potent in terms of the base narcotic if produced correctly. Then one needs to factor in if the product was “cut” or an additive included (*this will be addressed in another FAQ*). Then how the drug is prepared and how much of the base fentanyl was put into the end product. In terms of a fraudulent prescription pill, the amount of fentanyl added needs to be precise. In the case of liquid fentanyl for a syringe or powder fentanyl, the amount of the opioid and cutting agents can vary wildly.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. But the sum of analogs of fentanyl can be *FAR* stronger, for instance **CARFENTANIL is approximately 10,000 times more potent than morphine, 100 times more than fentanyl.**





An analogue is an alteration of a synthetically derived drug. Fentanyl analogs include:

- Acetylfentanyl
- Butyrfentanyl
- Carfentanil
- Alfentanil
- Sufentanil
- remifentanil

Remifentanil is approximately one half the potency of fentanyl, but still quite deadly.

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Q: Why has fentanyl become more popular than heroin?

A: Two primary reasons:

For the consumer, it is a **faster and stronger reacting opioid than heroin** (or morphine which is the by product that the brain receives when the human body breaks down heroin). It can also be ingested in a wide array of methods.

For the trafficker, it is **significantly easier** and far more cost efficient to produce. Production of heroin from an opium poppy is time consuming, requires significant manpower, land, and the process of “cooking” can take days. In comparison one or two subjects can produce kilos of fentanyl with little help in a small clandestine laboratory.

In addition, fentanyl is far easier to package and **has little or no odor**, significantly reducing the risk of interdiction.

Q: What forms of fentanyl are we seeing in Arizona?

A: Powder and Pills primarily, however we are seeing an uptick in rock and liquid fentanyl.

In Arizona we generally see a majority of the blue “M-30” fentanyl pills, though we have seen multi colored pills, sparkled pills, counterfeit prescriptions pills and “ecstasy” pills that contain fentanyl.

There has also been a large increase in powder fentanyl both on the street as well as kilos moving through the state. For years powder fentanyl has been the primary street use product east of the Mississippi, while west of it had been pills. Powder can easily be converted into a liquid form for injection similar to heroin, cut, snorted or added to other consumables.

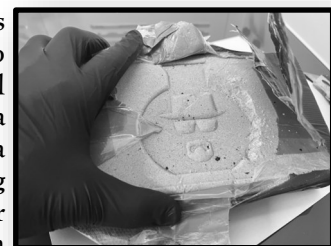
In the past few years, “rock” fentanyl has been getting a lot of traction. Most often found in a dark to pastel purple color (though a cement gray, or even black rock like product is also common) “Fetty” “Grey Death” “cotton candy” and crack fentanyl is an oven cooked brick of fentanyl, and other substances such as heroin, tramadol, and acetaminophen.

Recently investigators have become aware of large amounts of liquid fentanyl being shipped in 5-gallon jugs. The contents were found to be odorless and essentially colorless with the exception of a small amounts of crystals visible if the liquid was agitated. In at least one case the contents of the liquid were found to be fentanyl and xylazine.

Q: How can I tell a kilo of fentanyl from a key of cocaine?

A: Odor, TruNarc, or just play it safe and send it to the lab. This answer used to be color, typically, cocaine had a clean white but matted look to it with a stamp while fentanyl was a bright white and initially very few kilos had stamps. But both products have changed. Many cocaine kilos are purported to be “fish scale” (high quality) and display a sheen to the exterior of the kilo, meanwhile the adulterants in fentanyl keys now leave an array of white, off white, and even tan colors and almost all the fentanyl kilos are stamped.

However, cocaine still exhibits a very strong odor similar to insecticide while fentanyl remains odorless. In addition, a TruNarc handheld laser has a much easier time locating fentanyl amongst powder fentanyl than in pills even when the pills are crushed. Some of the DEA groups and clan lab teams have access to some more sophisticated analyzing equipment. There are some acid based and “swab” field test kits that have had positive reactions, but investigators have found these to have mixed successes.



The safest and most reliable method is to get it to a lab to be tested, however this can delay prosecution.

Q: Why is there so much fentanyl coming through Arizona?

A: Currently the Sinaloa Cartel is the primary source of fentanyl manufacture. 90-95% of fentanyl comes into the U.S. through the southern border. There are two Mexican Based Drug Cartels responsible for the vast majority of fentanyl manufacture and trafficking: Sinaloa and the New Generation Jalisco (Cártel de Jalisco Nueva Generación or CJNG) cartels. The Sinaloa cartel (currently) is responsible for most of the border along the Mexico-Arizona border. CJNG has a love-hate relationship with Sinaloa, and works with them on fentanyl trafficking.

Q. What is a “polydrug” and what are the common polydrugs found with fentanyl?

A: 1) “Polydrug” is a term for the **use of more than one drug or type of drug at the same time** or one after another. Polydrugs use can involve both illicit drugs and legal substances, such as alcohol and medications. This can be intentionally or unwittingly. Fentanyl is found in many cases to be mixed with other drugs, mostly narcotics to modify its immediate effects and how it reacts with the consumer. In most cases this is the work of the “cook”



making their unique product, in other cases it's the end user who is either experimenting or self-modifying the results.

There are generally three results from polydrug consumption.

Additivity: When the effect of two drugs can both be "felt" independently and their reactions are combined, but otherwise each the same as if taken alone. (*i.e. taking both Aspirin and Tylenol*)

Synergism: This is when two or more drugs combine to produce a greater effect than the sum of the effects if each drug were given separately. In other words, the combined drugs multiply the effects on the body. Benzodiazepines combined with alcohol, for example, may *double* the effect of each on the body. **This is why many Xanax and alcohol users display extreme impairment even though they may only show moderate amounts of alcohol on a breathalyzer.**

Antagonistic: This is where one drug reduces or even cancels out the effect of the other. Contrary to popular belief, taking an illicit stimulant and a depressant does not necessarily cause an antagonistic effect.

Combining uppers and downers (*such as methamphetamine and heroin*) can lead to taking too much of one type of drug. Because stimulants overshadow the effects of depressants, a person may not feel the depressant's effects and think they need to take more. This often leads to overdose.

A: 2) Fentanyl is commonly found to be "cut" or have other depressant drugs added. Most fentanyl "M-30" pills have acetaminophen added to the pill in an effort to have an antagonistic effect. However, there are an increasing number of cases where in liquid, rock and powder fentanyl products other potent depressants have been added with varying effects. Often these are other opiates or opiate similar narcotics.

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- Xylazine (tranq) (anesthetic)
- Isotonitazene, nitrazine or "ISO" (opioid)
- Heroin (opioid)
- Propofol (anesthetic)
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- Ketamine (anesthetic)
- Alprazolam (Xanax)

All the above drugs are classified as opioids, anesthetics, or tranquilizers (sedative). Anesthetics and tranquilizers are generally classified as a "dangerous drug" under ARS. More importantly, **the effects of NARCAN often negligible or nonexistent for these, and thus may not have the same life saving effects.**

Q: What is "Tranq" and why is it used with Fentanyl?

A: Xylazine is an animal sedative ("aka central nervous system depressant" sedatives are not opioids and therefore resists Narcan). 60% of Philadelphia's fentanyl and 25% of New York's fentanyl have been found mixed with Xylazine (Ketamine is a similar drug used by ravers) Xylazine will not be effected by Narcan/Naloxone.

Q: Why would a user choose to mix Xylazine with Fentanyl?

A: To lengthen and modify the effects of fentanyl. Xylazine (tranq) is a non-opiate sedative, analgesic, and muscle relaxant that has a rapid onset which allows it to become effective within minutes, and it can last up to eight hours or more. The combination of the two drugs appears to be additive (*neither loses effect*) and each has a slightly different reaction with the body. Users report that when combined with fentanyl, tranq can delay withdrawal symptoms and cravings for twice as long as fentanyl alone.



Common terms and weights:

Investigators have found that the standard "M-30" pill, regardless of color, commonly weighs between 110-112mg. This should be regularly verified by an investigator who chooses to use this figure in their reports. To do this, on occasion simply weigh two or three sets of ten pills. They should weigh 1.1 grams. 100 pills will weigh 11.1 – 11.2 grams, and a "boat" or 1,000 pills should weigh 112 grams.

A kilo of pills (100 pills) which is also called a "caja" (*box in Spanish*) should contain approximately 8,900 pills.



DRUG SEIZURES

On August 7, 2023, at 0650 hours, a Trooper stopped a vehicle for a suspended vehicle registration on Interstate 8 eastbound milepost 45. During the contact, numerous indicators of criminal activity were observed to include irregular travel and crossing patterns. A consent to search was granted by the driver of the vehicle. During the roadside search, an aftermarket compartment in the rear bumper was located. Aluminum foil packages could be seen in the compartment. During a more thorough search, an aftermarket floor compartment was also found. A total of 92.8 pounds of fentanyl pills and 52.25 pounds of crystal methamphetamine were removed from the floor and bumper compartment.



On November 8, 2023, at 0942 hours, a Trooper stopped a vehicle for a moving violation on Interstate 8 milepost 51 eastbound. During the contact, numerous indicators of criminal activity were observed to include an inconsistent travel itinerary between the driver and passenger. A consent to search was denied by the driver but accepted by the registered owner passenger. The driver removed the items he stated belonged to him and placed them on the floor near the vehicle. In one of the boxes he removed from the trunk, M-30 fentanyl pills could be seen through a corner slit. K9 "Flip" was also deployed, alerting to the boxes and storage tote away from the vehicle. A total of 104.52 pounds of fentanyl pills was seized along with a .45 caliber handgun and \$1,400.00 in U.S. currency.



On September 21, 2023, at 0657 hours, a Trooper stopped a vehicle for multiple equipment violations on Interstate 8 eastbound milepost 48. During the contact, numerous indicators of criminal activity were noted. A consent to search was requested and denied by the registered owner/driver. K9 "Flip" was deployed on the vehicle, yielding a positive indication to the presence of narcotic odor. A probable cause search led to the discovery of tightly wrapped plastic packages of M-30 fentanyl pills in an aftermarket false bottom of the bed toolbox. A total of 89.2 pounds of fentanyl pills were seized.



YUMA STOLEN VEHICLE TURNS INTO \$1 MILLION DRUG SEIZURE

On August 12, 2023, Yuma Police Department Officer Arroyo and Officer Torres were working a detail, Operation Stonegarden, which includes looking for illegal narcotics and human trafficking.

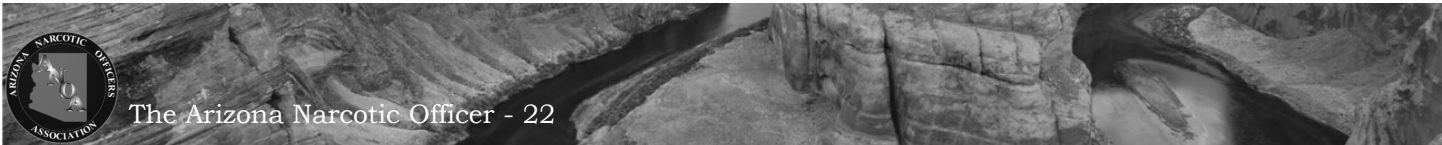
While patrolling a local hotel within the City of Yuma known to have criminal activity, a stolen vehicle was located. The suspect had an active felony warrant. They began to conduct surveillance when they observed two individuals, a male and a female, exit a hotel room and walk up to the vehicle with what appeared to be luggage in hand. Officers contacted the subjects as they approached the stolen vehicle. Both were placed under arrest for active warrants, theft of means of transportation, and various drug charges.

While conducting this investigation, it was discovered the luggage that had been carried to the vehicle contained 42.5 lbs. (193,000) of fentanyl pills, with an estimated street

value of over \$1 million and 74 grams of methamphetamine.

The Yuma County Narcotics Task Force took over the investigation, which led to a third arrest. Of an individual, known to be a highly established local gang member.





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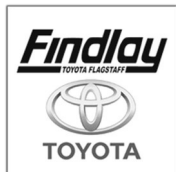
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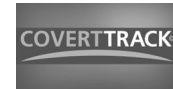


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Phoenix, Arizona 85004
3. Application and Required documents must be received **no later than May 1st.**
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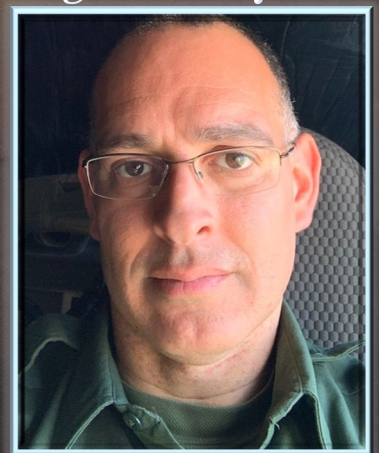
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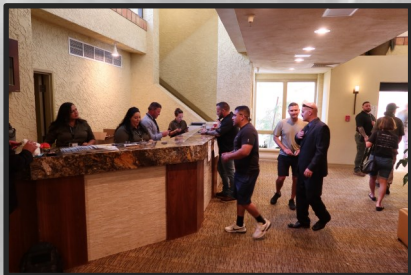
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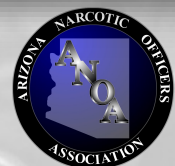
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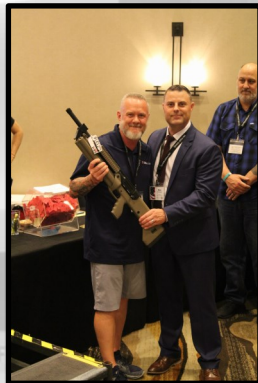


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Terrebonne v. Butler, 848 F. 2d 500
Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit 1988