



## LOS ANGELES SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING BULLETIN

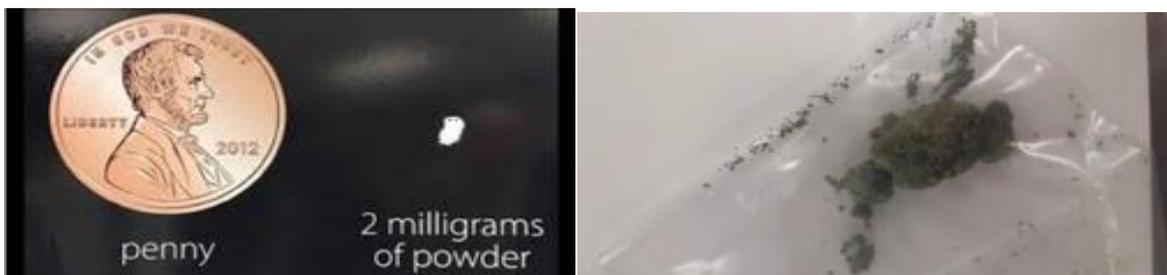
New Fentanyl Product: Fentanyl is a very dangerous and increasingly common synthetic opioid. Fentanyl is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. These drugs present a serious risk to public safety, medical personnel and Law Enforcement. These substances can come in many forms, including powder, tablets, spray, blotter paper and patches. Some of these drugs can be absorbed through the skin or accidentally inhaled.

Recently, there has been an increase in fentanyl-laced drugs and substances that imitate a known drug. Calgary Police Service recently seized a substance (picture attached) that resembled cannabis. It was tested and found to be fentanyl with no cannabis in it. In Orange County there have been drugs seized that resemble tar heroin, powder cocaine, powder heroin, Vicodin and other pills. All these drugs were found to be fentanyl or an analog of fentanyl.

Extreme caution is required when handling any drug, known or not. When officers encounter any known or unknown substance, officers should be aware of the following:

- Use caution. Treat all known and unknown substances as a threat. Wear proper protective equipment when handling any known or unknown substances. Do NOT assume any substance is what it appears to be.
- Be alert to any signs of exposure. Symptoms may include: Unresponsive or minimally response, respiratory depression/arrest, agonal respirations (gaspings), cyanosis, clammy skin, constricted pupils and/or altered mental status.
- Be ready to administer Naloxone (Narcan®) if exposure occurs. Naloxone is an opioid /opiate antagonist that may reverse respiratory depression secondary to an overdose of opioids/opiates. Remember Naloxone has a short duration of effect and follow up doses may be necessary. Follow proper disposal and documentation procedures.
- Seek IMMEDIATE medical attention. Due to the short duration of effect of Naloxone, an overdose relapse may occur. Ensure Paramedics are responding and monitor the affected officer.

For further information, contact the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Unit at [DRE@lapd.online](mailto:DRE@lapd.online) or 323-276-2380.



Possible **lethal** dose of fentanyl.

Fentanyl in Marijuana form.



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Fentanyl in pill form and a tar like heroin form.



Various forms of fentanyl