

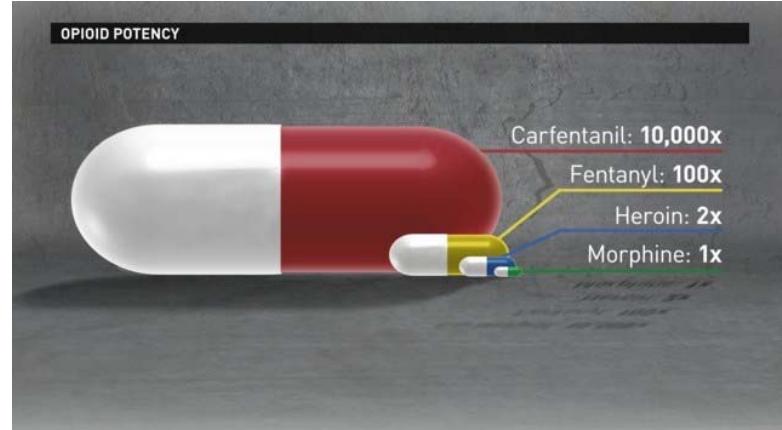


# Public Awareness

## Fake Prescription Pills Containing Dangerous Drugs



- During 2017, forensic laboratories in New Jersey have identified a large amount of imitation prescription pills containing dangerous drugs.
- So far this year, law enforcement in NJ have seized over 500,000 fake prescription pills that have actually contained highly potent opioids, including heroin and fentanyl class compounds.
- Recently, carfentanil was identified in what appeared to be a legitimate prescription oxycodone pill.
  - ❖ *Carfentanil is typically used to tranquilize large animals, specifically elephants. Reportedly, the equivalent of one grain of salt is enough to kill one human being.*
- Imitation prescription pills containing dangerous drugs such as carfentanil are being sold by drug dealers, placing users at significant risk of death.



Carfentanil, a synthetic opioid, is approximately 10,000 times more potent than morphine, 5,000 times more potent than heroin, and 100 times more potent than fentanyl.

### Photos of Imitation Prescription Pills Containing Fentanils



Fake oxycodone/acetaminophen pill, actually contained heroin.



Fake oxycodone pill, actually contained carfentanil.

### Where To Go For Help?



ReachNJ - 1.844.844.732.2465) ReachNJ, New Jersey's Addiction Helpline is an information and referral service that will connect you with the addiction recovery and support services that are available throughout our state. Call to get what you need to take the next step on your road to recovery.