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"One Pill Can Kill" Campaign Week Two: Narcotic Task Force Team Member Discusses Current Trends

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In week two of the "One Pill Can Kill" campaign, we highlight what the Sheriff's Office <u>Westside Interagency Narcotics Team</u> (WIN) is seeing around Washington County. <u>Our week two video</u> includes an interview with one of our narcotics investigators from the WIN team. Due to our investigators periodically working undercover, we have disguised their voice and identity.

In the video, the investigator will discuss the impact Fentanyl has had on WIN Team investigations, how overdose cases have changed their priorities, and how Fentanyl affects young people in Washington County.



This year, the WIN team has seized more than 33,000 fraudulent

pills suspected of containing Fentanyl. In 2020 they seized 14,000 fraudulent pills suspected of containing Fentanyl and just over 500 in 2019. The WIN Team has investigated 17 overdose deaths in 2021; 13 of them are suspected to be caused by Fentanyl.

2021 WIN overdose investigation victim age breakdown:

- Under 18: 1
- 18-25: 8
- Over 25: 8

We will provide more information about the dangers of Fentanyl in the following weeks.

- Week Three highlights our partners at <u>Metro West Ambulance</u> and <u>Tualatin Valley Fire</u> <u>and Rescue</u>. They will provide details about Fentanyl-related calls, their first-hand experiences, and the usage of Naloxone (aka Narcan).
- Week Four will focus on what we can do as a community to help address issues surrounding Fentanyl, provide tools and resources to help combat this deadly drug, and speak with a local community member about their struggles with Fentanyl and other drug usages.

For more information on this campaign, visit: bit.ly/WCSO_OnePillCanKill



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