Weekly Report: May 13 - May 19, 2024

Total Samples = 192



Down (Opioids) & Sedatives, 89 samples

Down (Opioids) - 69 samples

- **45** samples contained fentanyl at a median concentration of **25%** (concentrations ranged from 0.7% to greater than 80%)
- **14 samples contained fluorofentanyl at a median concentration of 11%** (concentrations ranged from 0.2% to greater than 40%)
- **7** samples contained ortho-Methyl fentanyl at a median concentration of 4% (concentrations ranged from 0.8% to 29%). Ortho-Methyl fentanyl is a fentanyl analogue that is thought to be similar in potency or slightly weaker than fentanyl, however, there are very few studies on its effect in humans.
- 3 samples contained xylazine at concentrations of 1%, 0.1%, and 15%
- 1 sample contained Isotonitazene and Metonitazene at concentrations of 15% and 0.6%
- 1 sample contained heroin at a concentration of 21%
- 0 samples contained carfentanil
- 29.0% (20/69) of down samples contained a benzodiazepine
 - **14 samples contained bromazolam at a median concentration of 6%** (concentrations ranged from 0.3% to greater than 25%)

Benzodiazepines - 10 samples

- 50% (5/10) of Benzodiazepine (2 bromazolam, 1 diazepam, 1 etizolam, 1 lorazepam) samples were as expected*
- 2 expected alprazolam samples contained flualprazolam instead
- 1 expected alprazolam samples contained bromazolam instead
- 1 expected flualprazolam sample did not have any actives detected
- 1 expected flubromazolam sample contained bromazolam instead

Opioid - Other - 6 samples

- 83.3% (5/6) of **Opioid Other** (1 hydromorphone, 2 morphine, 1 oxycodone, 1 Percocet) samples were as expected*
- 1 expected oxycodone sample contained fentanyl and fluorofentanyl instead

Depressants - Other - 4 samples

• 100% (4/4) of Depressants - Other (2 pregablin, 1 GHB, 1 phenibut) samples were as expected*

Stimulants, 54 samples

Crack & Cocaine - 27 samples

- 81.5% (22/27) of crack & cocaine samples were as expected*
- 2 expected cocaine samples contained cocaine in addition to fentanyl or a fentanyl analogue**, detected by strip test only
- 1 expected crack sample contained crack in addition to fentanyl**
- 1 expected crack sample contained methamphetamine instead
- 1 expected cocaine sample contained cocaine in addition to zolpidem

MDMA/MDA - 18 samples

- 88.9% (16/18) of MDMA/MDA (2 MDA, 14 MDMA) samples were as expected*
- 2 expected MDMA sample contained MDMA in addition to MDA

Methamphetamine - 3 samples

• 100% (3/3) of **Methamphetamine** samples were as expected*

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Stimulants Continued, 31 samples

Stimulants - Other - 6 samples

- 50% (3/6) of Stimulant Other (1 Adderall, 1 amphetamine, 1 N-Ethylhexedrone) samples were as expected*
- 1 expected Adderall sample contained methamphetamine instead
- 1 expected 3-MMC sample contained 4-CMC instead
- 1 expected hexedrone sample contained 4-MMC and N-Ethylhexedrone instead

Steroids, Other, & Unknown, 29 samples

Steroids - 1 sample

• 1 expected unspecified steroid was found to contain oxymetholone

<u>Other</u> - 1 sample

• 1 expected sildenafil sample contained aspirin instead

<u>Unknown</u>, 27 samples

• 27 samples were expected unknown; 23 had actives detected, 4 did not have actives detected

Community News (from May 6th - May 12th)

- Cocaine HCl/powder: Fine white powder. Effects as expected. Bought in Vancouver.
- **Down:** Large purple chunks. When cooked, turned a light brown colour. Was great to smoke. Effects were somewhat weaker than expected. Bought north of downtown.
- **Meth/side:** Clear shards. When cooked, stayed clear. Had a pretty regular meth taste when smoked. Effects as expected.

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A concentration of X% fentanyl would mean X mg of fentanyl per 100 mg (a point) of sample

*As expected samples contain the expected active with no cuts or adulterants detected, this does not mean these samples were "pure". Impurities likely exist at concentrations below our limits of detection.

** Presence of these components was likely due to cross-contamination prior to drug checking