SUBSTANCE WEEKLY REPORT

June 17 - June 23, 2024 (153 Samples)



HIGHLIGHTS

- This week, 49.7% (76/153) of samples checked were as expected, with no cuts or adulterants detected.
- 37% of down samples contained a benzo this week. Of these, 100% contained bromazolam, which is a benzo similar in strength and duration to alprazolam (Xanax), lasting roughly 5-8 hours. Two of these samples also contained another benzo called desalkylgidazepam.
- The summer heat has arrived, remember to stay hydrated! Stop by Substance any time for water and a moment of air conditioning.

DOWN/OPIOIDS, 65 SAMPLES

- 41 samples contained **fentanyl** at a median concentration of 8%
- 19 samples contained **fluorofentanyl** at a median concentration of 8%
- 2 samples contained **ortho-Methyl fentanyl** at concentrations of 16% and 18%
- 3 samples contained **xylazine** at a median concentration of 6%
- 2 samples contained **protonitazene** at concentrations 0.2% and over 50%
- 0 samples contained **heroin** or **carfentanil**
- 24/65 down samples contained a benzo
 - 24 samples contained bromazolam at a median concentration of 6%
 - 2 samples contained **desalkylgidazepam** at concentrations of 3% and 4%

Community Reporting

- **Down:** Large purple chunks with powder. When smoked, had a sweet taste. Effects were somewhat stronger than expected, felt like a benzo was present. Bought north of downtown.
- **Down:** Large purple and green chunks with powder. When cooked, turned a light brown colour. Was beautiful to smoke. Effects more or less as expected but a bit weaker overall. Bought north of downtown.
- **Down:** Small red pebbles. When smoked, produced a clearish resin and tasted good. Effects were somewhat weaker than expected and felt like a benzo was present. Bought in Rock Bay area.



BENZOS, 13 SAMPLES

- 5 alprazolam (Xanax) samples were bromazolam instead
- 1 alprazolam (Xanax) sample was an unknown benzo instead
- 2 samples were bromazolam
- 1 diazepam (Valium) sample was etizolam instead
- 2 samples were **etizolam**
- 1 etizolam sample had no actives detected
- 1 sample was pyrazolam







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STIMULANTS, 44 SAMPLES

- 15/15 samples were **cocaine** (hard and soft)
- 19/19 samples were MDMA
- 3/7 samples were **meth**
- 1 **meth** sample also contained trace levels of fentanyl
- 1 meth sample also contained roughly 35% fluorofentanyl base
- 1 meth sample was fentanyl instead
- 1 meth sample was cocaine (hard) instead
- 1 sample was **3-MMC**
- 1 **4-MMC** sample also contained an unknown
- 1 amphetamine sample also contained meth

Community Reporting

- Cocaine base/rock: Small white pebbles. Produced a brown resin when smoked. Effects as expected. Bought north of downtown.
- Meth/side: Clear crystal shards. When cooked, turned clear and then a purple colour. When smoked, had a sweet and sour taste. Effects as expected. Bought north of downtown.

DISSOCIATIVES & PSYCHEDELICS, 13 SAMPLES

- 11/12 samples were **ketamine**
- 1 ketamine sample also contained cocaine
- 1 sample was LSD

UNKNOWN, 12 SAMPLES

- 12 samples were brought in as "unknown"
 - 12 had actives detected

OTHER DRUGS, 6 SAMPLES

- 3 samples were **GHB**
- 1 GHB sample also contained GBL and 1,4-**Butanediol**
- 1 sample was hydromorphone
- 1 tadalafil (Cialis) sample had no actives detected



REPORT GLOSSARY

- Median: Like an average, but accounts for outlying results so the final number isn't skewed
- No cuts or adulterants detected: This does not mean these samples were "pure", impurities likely exist at concentrations below our limits of detection
- No actives detected: We could not detect any active ingredients within our PSMS target list
- Percentages: Represents the amount per 100 mg, for example, a concentration of 12% fentanyl would mean 12 mg of fentanyl per 100 mg (a point) of the total sample (including other components likes cuts)



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