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**PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING**

**MAJOR UPTICK IN FATAL FENTANYL OVERDOSES AND SEIZURES OF COUNTERFEIT 30-MG OXYCODONE PILLS CONTAINING FENTANYL**

Since June 2019, Law Enforcement Agencies in Santa Clara County have seized a large number of counterfeit 30-milligram Percocet pills that contain fentanyl—not oxycodone hydrochloride—as their sole active ingredient. The seizures have occurred all across the county, by different law enforcement agencies, and from different subjects. The tablets visually appear to be the pharmaceutically manufactured version—they are circular in shape, light blue to light green in color, and have an "M" inside a square stamped on one side and a "30" stamped on the other side. Numerous fatal overdoses have been tied to these tablets, with a strong uptick in fatal overdoses in August 2019.

This office still continues to see the presence of fentanyl in counterfeit Xanax "bars" and other pills, in heroin and, increasingly, in powder cocaine.

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