Yavapai County

Population: 235,099
8,000 square miles
County seat is Prescott

Drugs
How big is our problem?
What are we doing to address it?
Wednesday, August 25, 2021
11 arrests
9 = meth/fentanyl
5 sales cases
2 = sale of meth
2 = sale of meth & fentanyl
1 = sale of fentanyl
4 = possession/use
2 = meth
2 = fentanyl

Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking (PANT)
- July 27 – Tenant at residence in Prescott selling fentanyl; search reveals 50 fentanyl pills, additional pills & meth
- July 30 – Individual selling fentanyl in Black Canyon City; search reveals 126 fentanyl pills, meth, cocaine, handgun & cash
- August 9 – Individual selling fentanyl from motel room in Prescott; search reveals 2 lbs. meth & 720 fentanyl pills
- August 17 – Tenants at residence in Prescott Valley; search reveals 932 fentanyl pills

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An October traffic stop in Cottonwood resulted in an arrest of a 24-year-old man for possession and possession-for-sale of the narcotic fentanyl. A news release from the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office (YCSO) reported that a sheriff’s deputy stopped a car near the intersection of Ash and 12th streets in Cottonwood for a moving violation at about 1:15 p.m. Oct. 28.
Based on the deputy’s suspicions, a YCSO K9 unit was requested to conduct a “free air” sniff, said the news release. When the K9 deputy arrived, his K9 dog alerted to the odor of illicit narcotic in Wolf’s car. Deputies then conducted a search for the origin of the odor, finding a container in a coffee cup with about 30 blue fentanyl pills and a piece of tin foil with fentanyl residue, according to the news release.


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10,100 fentanyl pills and meth worth nearly $200,000 seized during 3 traffic stops

Deadly street drugs worth nearly $200,000, including 10,100 fentanyl pills and 30 pounds of methamphetamine, were seized during a multi-agency effort Wednesday.

By The Daily Courier March 12, 2021


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Prescott Valley Police: 2 suspects arrested for possession of 947 fentanyl mimic pills, meth

On Saturday, March 13, a Prescott Valley Police Department (PVPD) officer conducted a civil traffic stop which led to a large drug bust and the booking of two suspects, according to a news release Monday, March 15.

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Parents charged with trafficking 52,000 fentanyl pills hidden in back seat with their 3 young children

With their three children in tow, a father and mother were arrested this past weekend after attempting to smuggle more than 52,000 fentanyl pills inside a hidden compartment of a child car seat, according to the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office on Monday night.

By The Daily Courier March 29, 2021

20,000 fentanyl pills worth $400K discovered during traffic stop: YCSO reports

A 23-year-old Phoenix man was arrested on multiple drug charges after a Yavapai County Sheriff's deputy found nearly 20,000 pills containing fentanyl hidden in a storage compartment in the trunk of his SUV, according to a news release Friday night.

By The Daily Courier April 3, 2021

YCSO K-9 unit makes 'rare' seizure of $150 million in powdered fentanyl

On Wednesday, June 2, a Yavapai County Sheriff's K-9 deputy conducting traffic enforcement efforts seized powdered fentanyl worth $150 million.

June 4, 2021

YCSO K9 finds meth, fentanyl worth more than $1M in I-17 traffic stop

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office has taken another more than $1 million in meth and fentanyl off the streets.

July 10, 2021
Originally Published: November 2, 2020 8:39 p.m. A 28-year-old Prescott Valley man late this past week was sentenced to 10 years of flat time in Arizona State Prison for selling the synthetic opioid fentanyl, the Yavapai County Attorney’s Office reported in an Oct. 30 news release. Jeffrey Richard Wagner, sentenced at Yavapai County Superior Court in Prescott, had pled guilty on Oct. 23 to two counts of possession of narcotic drugs for sale, including fentanyl and heroin, with one prior conviction of possession of drug paraphernalia, and misconduct involving weapons. Under a flat-time sentence, Wagner is ineligible for suspension, commutation of his sentence, probation, pardon, parole, work furlough or release until he serves his entire 10-year prison term. Officials with Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking (PANT), which is Yavapai County’s multiagency drug task force, say that in recent months before May they began investigating Wagner’s possible drug activity. Detectives say they had learned Wagner was driving to Phoenix to buy drugs and sell powder fentanyl, mimic M-30 pills laced with fentanyl, and heroin from his Prescott Valley residence. PANT officers say they searched Wagner’s Prescott Valley residence on May 1 and found about 217 M-30 fentanyl pills, 10 grams of pure fentanyl powder, heroin, methamphetamine, clonazepam pills, and used syringes. PANT officers added that they found items associated with drug sales, including multiple surveillance cameras mounted inside and outside of the residence, a pill
On Oct. 20, Prescott Valley Police Officers (PVPD) and detectives were called to a home where a 14-year-old girl died of an overdose involving suspected counterfeit pills containing fentanyl. PVPD Detectives notified the Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking (PANT) task force and detectives arrived to assist in identifying those who provided the pills to the victim in consideration of possible prosecution. Working with PVPD detectives, PANT detectives obtained additional information from multiple community sources of people likely involved in the narcotic supply chain, along with social media activity all identifying several juveniles, including 18-year-old Aaron Lundsford Schmit of Prescott, according to a news release from the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office. Tracking the evidence and sources, detectives learned that Lundsford Schmit and some of the
juveniles named were likely responsible in providing fentanyl-laced pills to the 14-year-old victim. Based on the information that pills supplied to the 14-year-old may have come from this group, detectives found and reviewed social media posts showing Lundsford Schmit offering to sell THC candy ropes and several blue oval pills consistent with mimic pills that commonly contain fentanyl.
9 Teens Died

New terms between 9 and 19 years old of a drug overdose since 2018. Five of those nine teens died in 2020. Connecticut’s jobs funded with SAMHSA were involved in all 5 deaths. Three of those teens purchased drugs from the same person they purchased marijuana from previously.

County Attorney Drug Diversion Program

The Vanport County Attorney’s Office has established a Pretrial Diversion Program to provide an alternative method of holding (low level) offenders, whose offense has a nexus to substance abuse, accountable for violations of the law through participation in an evidence-based education or treatment program that targets factors related to recidivism. The Program effectively redirects limited criminal justice resources, brings about participants’ rehabilitation, and gives rise to safer communities. The Program diverts criminal cases from formal court proceedings and allows for the dismissal of charges if the Program is successfully completed. For more information about the Program, contact the County Attorney’s Office.

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