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******PRESS RELEASE****WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPT******
Illegal street drugs laced with Fentanyl

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Walla Walla Police are warning intravenous drug users that the drug Fentanyl has been found during local police investigations of illegal drug sales. Drug Detectives from the City's Special Teams Unit have confirmed through the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab that street drugs sold locally have contained this extremely potent pain killer.

Although there have been several recent drug overdoses in the Valley, Detectives are waiting for toxicology reports indicating whether Fentanyl was present in these specific cases. Fentanyl is 100 times more potent than Morphine.

There have been numerous reports across the country this month of deaths associated with the illegal use of this drug, with 17 confirmed dead in and around Pittsburg, Penn. Drug users may easily overdose, believing they are injecting Heroin, when they are actually injecting a lethal dose of Fentanyl.

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