



Media Release

Tulalip Tribal Police Drug Task Force Fentanyl Investigation and Seizure

Tulalip Police Department's Drug Task Force Seizes Over 61,000 Counterfeit Fentanyl Pills "Operation Clean Sweep"



Tulalip, WA – On February 20, 2024, the Tulalip Police Department's Drug Task Force, in coordination with federal and local law enforcement partners, successfully seized over 61,000 counterfeit fentanyl pills.

"Today's seizure represents a significant impact on our efforts to disrupt Fentanyl distribution in our fight against the opioid epidemic, I believe this investigation literally saved lives," said Chief of Police Sutter. "The 61,000 Fentanyl laced pills have the potential to cause substantial harm, and death, to individuals unaware of their true composition."

The Tulalip Police Drug Task Force conducted "Operation Clean Sweep" focusing Drug Task Force detectives on drug trafficking interdiction which culminated in multiple search warrants executed across several locations, this effort also led to the arrest of one individual on charges related to drug trafficking. "The success of this operation demonstrated the dedication and collaboration of our officers and our partners," added Chief Sutter. "We remain committed to disrupting the flow of illegal drugs into our community and holding those responsible to account."

The Tulalip Police Department urges the public to be aware of the dangers of counterfeit pills, particularly those containing fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid that is up to 100 times stronger than morphine. Even small amounts can be fatal. To report suspected drug activity, you are encouraged to call the drug tip hotline at [360-716-5990](tel:360-716-5990) or text "TPD Tips" to [30644](tel:30644) and then submit your tip.



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