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NEWS RELEASE

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DEA Launches National *Operation Fentanyl Free America* Initiative as DEA Rocky Mountain Continues Record Fentanyl Pace

DENVER – The DEA Rocky Mountain Field Division (RMFD) – comprised of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana – was one of 23 domestic field divisions and seven foreign divisions that initiated *Operation Fentanyl Free America* in October, 2025.

“The concentrated efforts of the Rocky Mountain Field Division during October’s *Operation Fentanyl Free America* resulted in fewer drugs, fewer criminals, and fewer weapons in communities across our four-state region,” said DEA Rocky Mountain Field Division Special Agent in Charge David Olesky. “As of December 1, 2025, DEA nationally has seized more than 45 million fentanyl pills, and more than 9,320 pounds of fentanyl powder, removing an estimated 347 million potentially deadly doses.”

Across the RMFD, this targeted month-long enforcement effort resulted in the seizure of more than one million fentanyl pills, which ranked third in all DEA Divisions nationwide during the October operation. “Despite nationwide efforts to bring deaths down, and this recent targeted enforcement, fentanyl remains the number one killer of Americans between ages 18 to 45,” Olesky added.

The following is the October breakdown of *Operation Fentanyl Free America* in RMFD states:

Colorado

Fentanyl Pills Seized: Approximately 665,417 pills
Fentanyl Powder Seized: Approximately 2.41 Kilograms*
Arrests: 33 Weapons: 26
Currency: \$460,961

Other Drugs: Methamphetamine (90.79 kgs), Cocaine (4.12 kgs), Heroin (5.91 kgs)

Utah

Fentanyl Pills Seized: Approximately 378,573 pills
Fentanyl Powder Seized: Approximately 1.04 Kilograms*
Arrests: 21 Weapons: 4
Currency: \$61,758
Other Drugs: Methamphetamine (68.03 kgs kgs), Cocaine (1 kg), Heroin (1 kg)

Montana

Fentanyl Pills Seized: Approximately 4,365 pills
Fentanyl Powder Seized: Approximately 79 grams*
Arrests: 8 Weapons: 0
Currency: \$5,233
Other Drugs: Methamphetamine (3.68 kgs)

Wyoming

Fentanyl Pills Seized: Approximately 4,313 pills
Fentanyl Powder Seized: None
Arrests: 9 Weapons: 2
Currency: \$3,362
Other Drugs: Methamphetamine (0.93 kgs)

**Note: typically, one kilogram of fentanyl powder can yield approximately 500,000 pills*

National numbers will be released from DEA Headquarters at a later date.

NEW WEB RESOURCES:

Fentanyl Free America focuses on enforcement, education, increased awareness, and strategic partnerships to eliminate the fentanyl threat within the United States. DEA urges media to showcase and spread information about the dangers of fentanyl and our latest efforts by directing the public to utilize new resources at www.dea.gov/fentanylfree.

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