

# News Release

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**Subject: Carfentanil/Fentanyl found in Richland County drug samples**

RICHLAND COUNTY, Ohio – The Mansfield Division of Police (MPD) Forensic Science Laboratory has recently detected the synthetic opioid Carfentanil in several confiscated illicit drug samples.

Carfentanil is 100 times as potent as fentanyl, making it the most potent commercial opioid. Its only intended use is as a sedative for large animals.

The METRICH Enforcement Unit encourages citizens to continue to be proactive by reporting suspected drug activity. Citizens can call the METRICH Crime Tip Hotline at 419-52-CRIME (419-522-7463) or the Task Force line at 419-755-9728.

Richland Public Health (RPH) also offers resources for citizens at risk of opioid overdose. RPH is a Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) site, which provides education and Narcan kits to at-risk individuals and their loved ones. Citizens can call RPH at 419-774-4700 or visit [www.richlandhealth.org/my-community/project-dawn](http://www.richlandhealth.org/my-community/project-dawn) for more information.

The METRICH Enforcement Unit continues to try to identify the source or sources that are bringing the Carfentanil and fentanyl into Richland County, Ohio.

Carfentanil was first encountered by the MPD laboratory during the summer and fall of 2016. Since that time, the laboratory has also encountered other potent opioids, including Acetylfentanyl, Acrylfentanyl, Furanyl fentanyl, Cyclopropyl fentanyl, 3-methyl fentanyl and Methoxyacetyl fentanyl. The evolution of fentanyl and its related analogs continues to be an overwhelming burden to MPD and the community we serve.

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METRICH is a ten-county decentralized task force in North Central Ohio whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the citizens we serve by reducing the availability of illegal drugs and weapons through proactive enforcement efforts. The success of METRICH is a tribute to the cooperation and support within the Law Enforcement Community in the METRICH region and to those citizens who have chosen to improve the quality of life in their communities by assisting METRICH in reporting suspicious activity and valuable information.

**Citizens may report suspicious activity to the crime hot lines at:  
419-522-7463 and [www.METRICH.com](http://www.METRICH.com)**

