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Yolo County Fentanyl Epidemic



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Overview

- Fentanyl is a lab produced synthetic opioid used for treating pain.
- It is 50-100 times more powerful than morphine or heroin.
- It is prescribed by doctors during surgeries, cancer treatment, and other pain relief.
- Drug dealers manufacture their own in clandestine laboratories. It is cheaper and easier compared to other drugs, since it is not plant based and very small amounts are needed to create a high.
- Fentanyl may be laced on or replace heroin, meth, cocaine, or other narcotics. It may also be made into counterfeit Xanax, Percocet, Oxycontin, Adderall, or Vicodin pills.
- Fentanyl has no odor, taste, or color to indicate its presence.
- Fentanyl can be ingested (pills), snorted, transdermal, injection, or smoked.
- Due to high toxicity and low quality controls, one pill can kill.
- Opioids, including fentanyl, accounted for 73% of the overdose deaths nationally in 2019 (per the CDC).



Fentanyl on the Streets

- 75% of street purchased Oxycodone Pills are counterfeit. ¹
- 92% of those fake pills are straight fentanyl. ¹
- Two out of every Five fake pills (40%) with fentanyl have a potentially lethal dose. ²

Sources:

1. Sacramento County Crime Lab 08-24-2021
2. US Drug Enforcement Administration 09-27-2021



Can You Spot the Counterfeits?

Oxycodone:



← Real

← Fake

Adderall:



← Fake

← Real

Xanax:



Real →

← Fake



Can You Spot the Counterfeits?

Imagine buying these pills with nothing to compare them to.

Now imagine a teenager buying these pills with nothing to compare them to.



**These pills are all counterfeit
and contain fentanyl.**



Woodland Police Arrest, September 27, 2021

Woodland Police arrested three people for possession of fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, liquid heroin, and Xanax bars.





Sacramento Bee cover story, September 19, 2021

THE SACRAMENTO BEE

'I cry every day.' Fentanyl overdoses spread death, misery through Sacramento region

BY MICHAEL FINCH II

UPDATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 9:36 AM

'The heart of our family.' How a deceptively labeled fentanyl pill killed her brother



Allyssia Solorio found her youngest brother, Mikael Tirado, overdosed at home in Rancho Cordova from a pill made to look like Percocet but containing a lethal amount of fentanyl. She talks about the loss Sept. 2, 2021, at home in Rancho Cordova.



Fox KTVU, September 01, 2021



Concord father reflects on 14-year-old daughter who died of fentanyl overdose

By Deborah Villalon | Published September 1, 2021 | News | KTVU FOX 2



Reflecting on loved ones lost to drug overdoses and hope to spread awareness

A Bay Area father is grieving after his 14-year-old daughter died from a drug overdose on fentanyl. On International Overdose Awareness Day, many are pausing to reflect on the millions of lives lost to both illegal street drugs and prescription pills that are misused.



Drug Enforcement Administration Alert, September 27, 2021



Drug Enforcement Administration

William Bodner
Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles

September 27, 2021

For Immediate Release

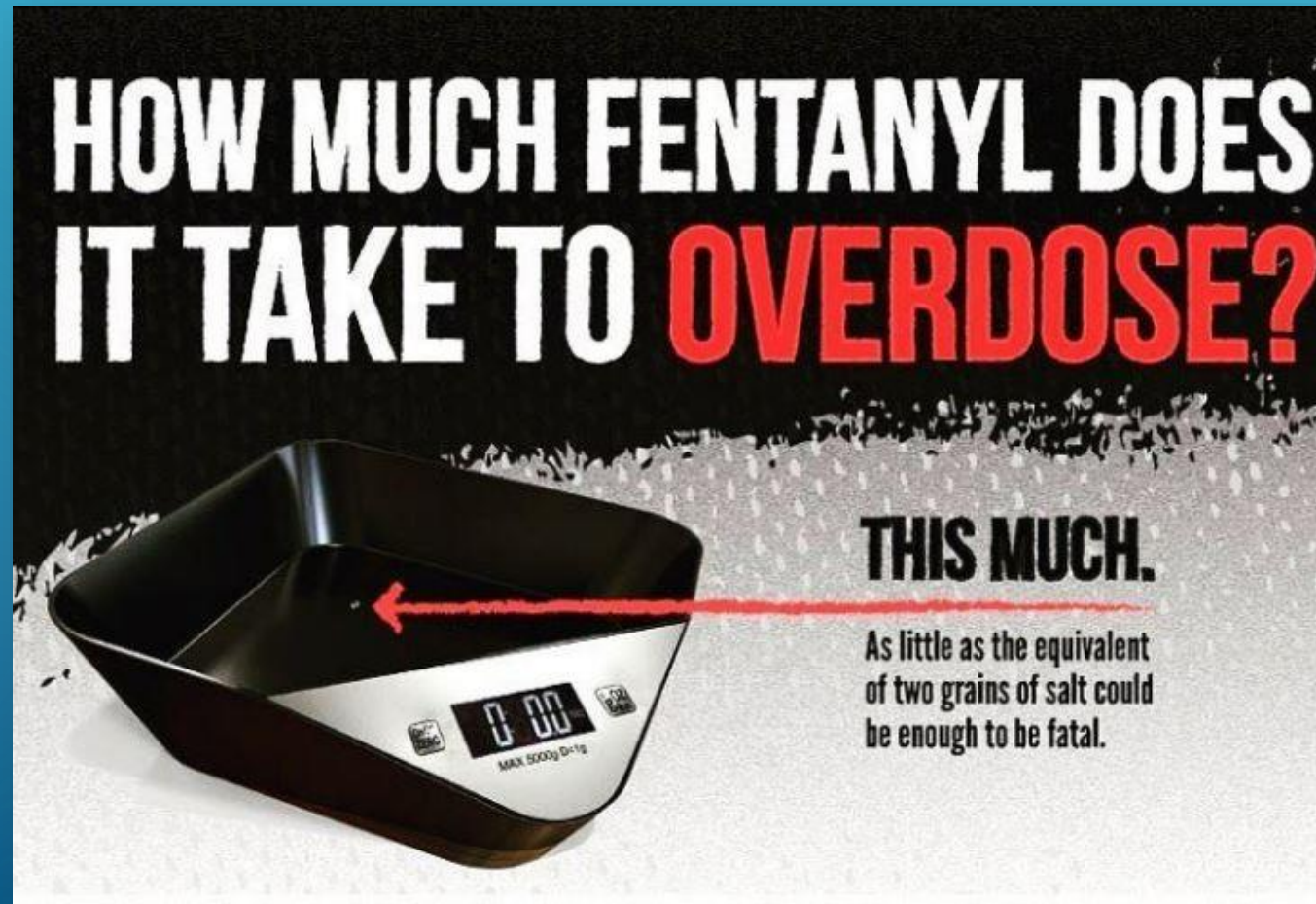
DEA Issues Public Safety Alert on Sharp Increase in Fake Prescription Pills Containing Fentanyl and Meth

DEA Warns that International and Domestic Criminal Drug Networks are Flooding the United States with Lethal Counterfeit Pills

LOS ANGELES – Today, the Drug Enforcement Administration issued a Public Safety Alert warning Americans of the alarming increase in the lethality and availability of fake prescription pills containing fentanyl and methamphetamine. DEA's Public Safety Alert, the first in six years, seeks to raise public awareness of a significant nationwide surge in counterfeit pills that are mass-produced by criminal drug networks in labs, deceptively marketed as legitimate prescription pills, and are killing unsuspecting Americans at an unprecedented rate.

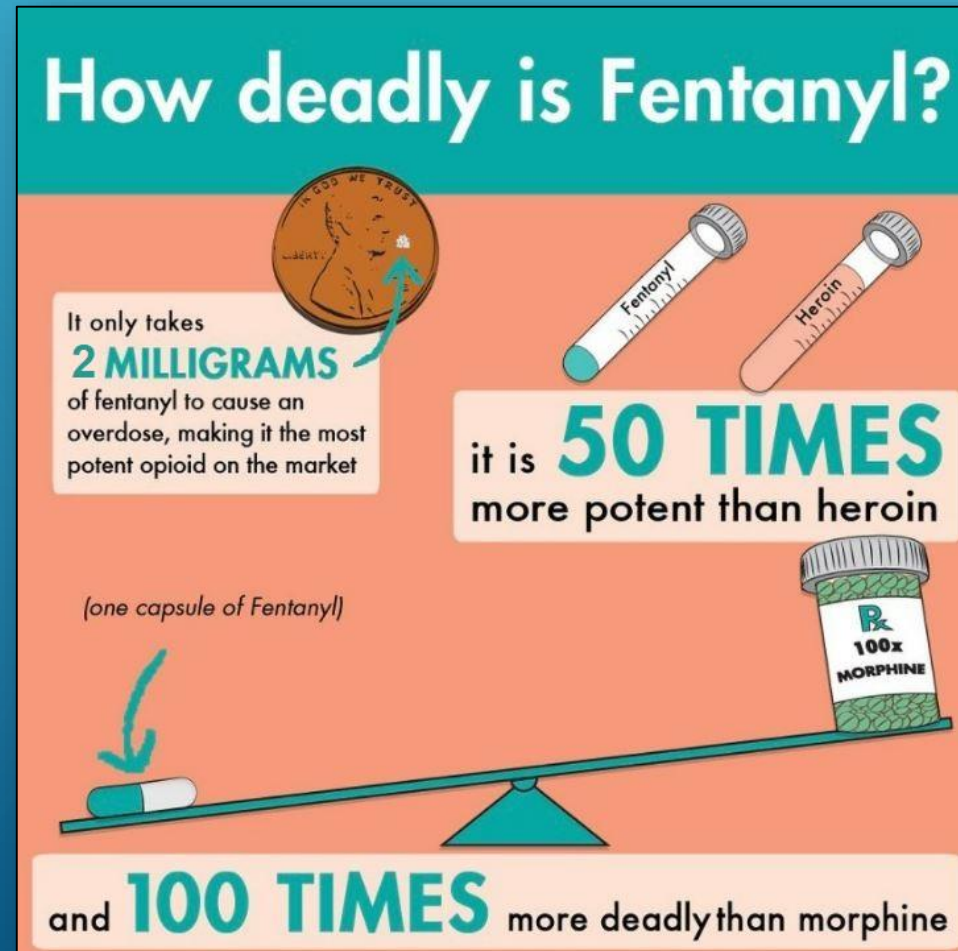


2 Milligrams of Fentanyl can be Fatal





Fentanyl is 50x stronger than Heroin, 100x than Morphine





Scope of Fentanyl Problem

- High levels of Fentanyl Deaths
- Rate of Fentanyl Deaths is growing rapidly
- Incomplete data on non-fatal overdoses
- Necessary Public Outreach



Fentanyl Deaths are Rapidly Increasing

YOLO COUNTY CORONER STATISTICS

2020

32 people died of overdose in Yolo County
8 of those (25%) died from fentanyl

2021

12 people to date have died of overdose
in Yolo County
7 of those (58%) died from fentanyl

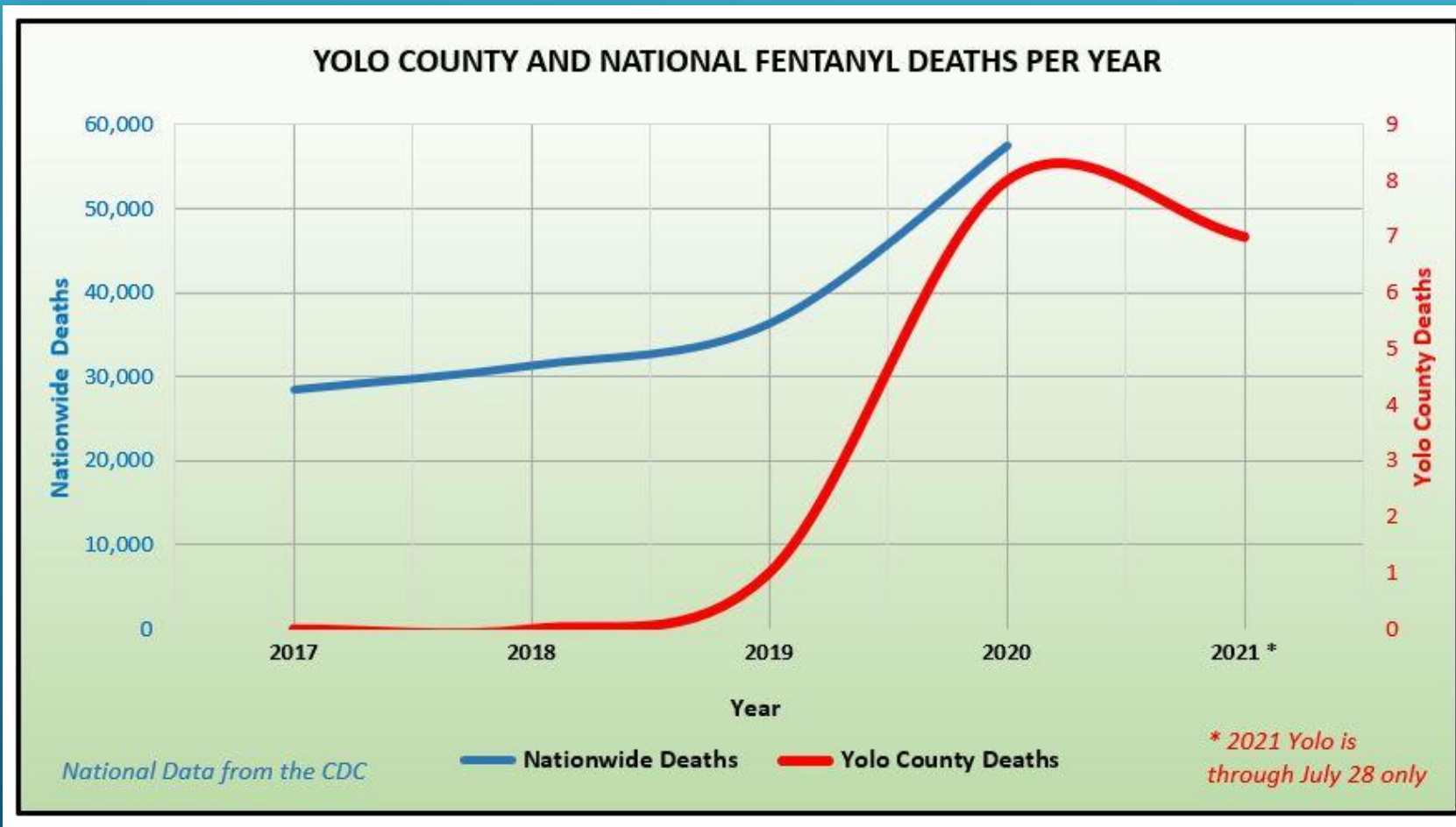
** 2021 is through July 28, 2021 only*



Though
overdoses
appear to be
trending down,
fentanyl
overdoses are on
the rise

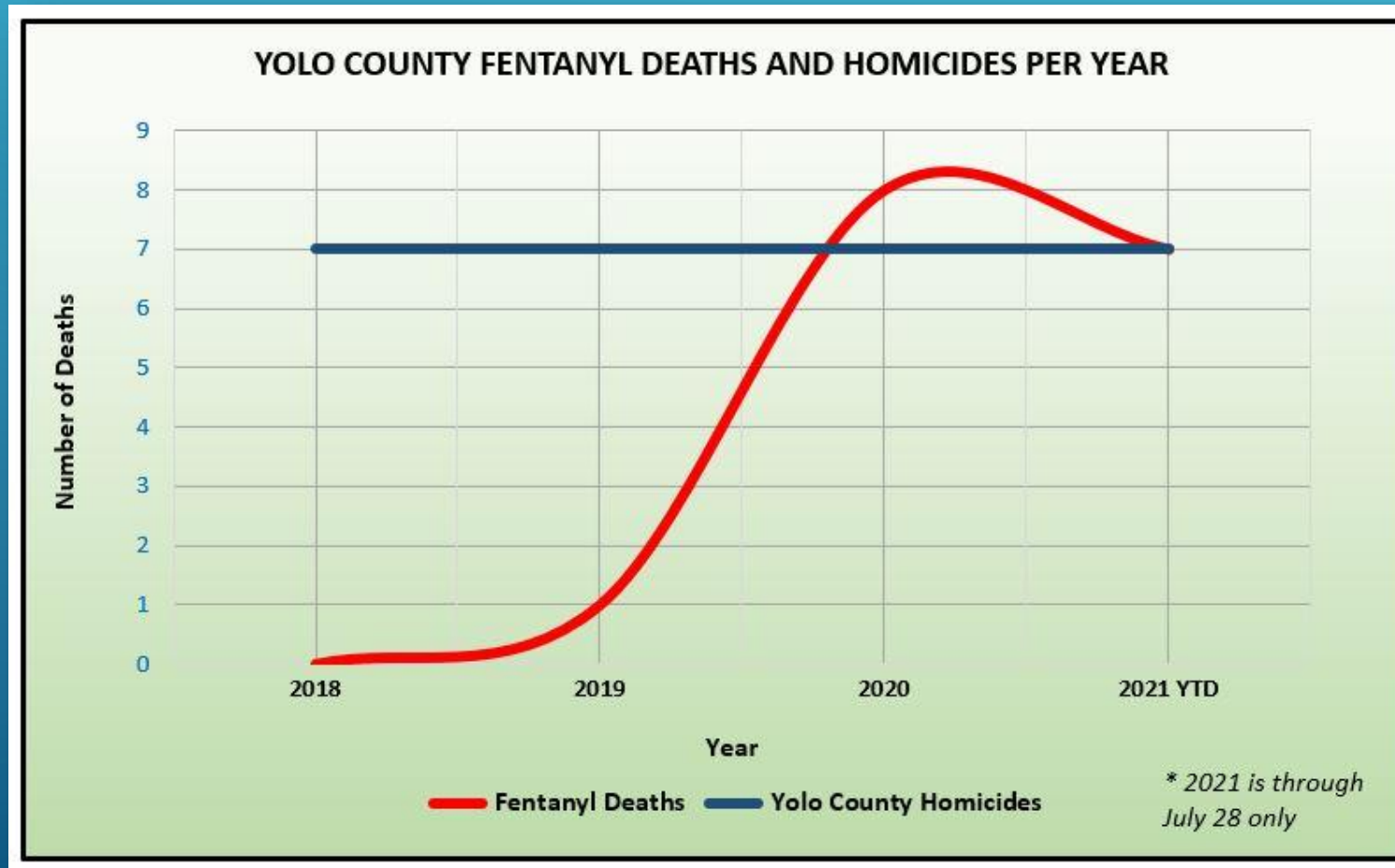


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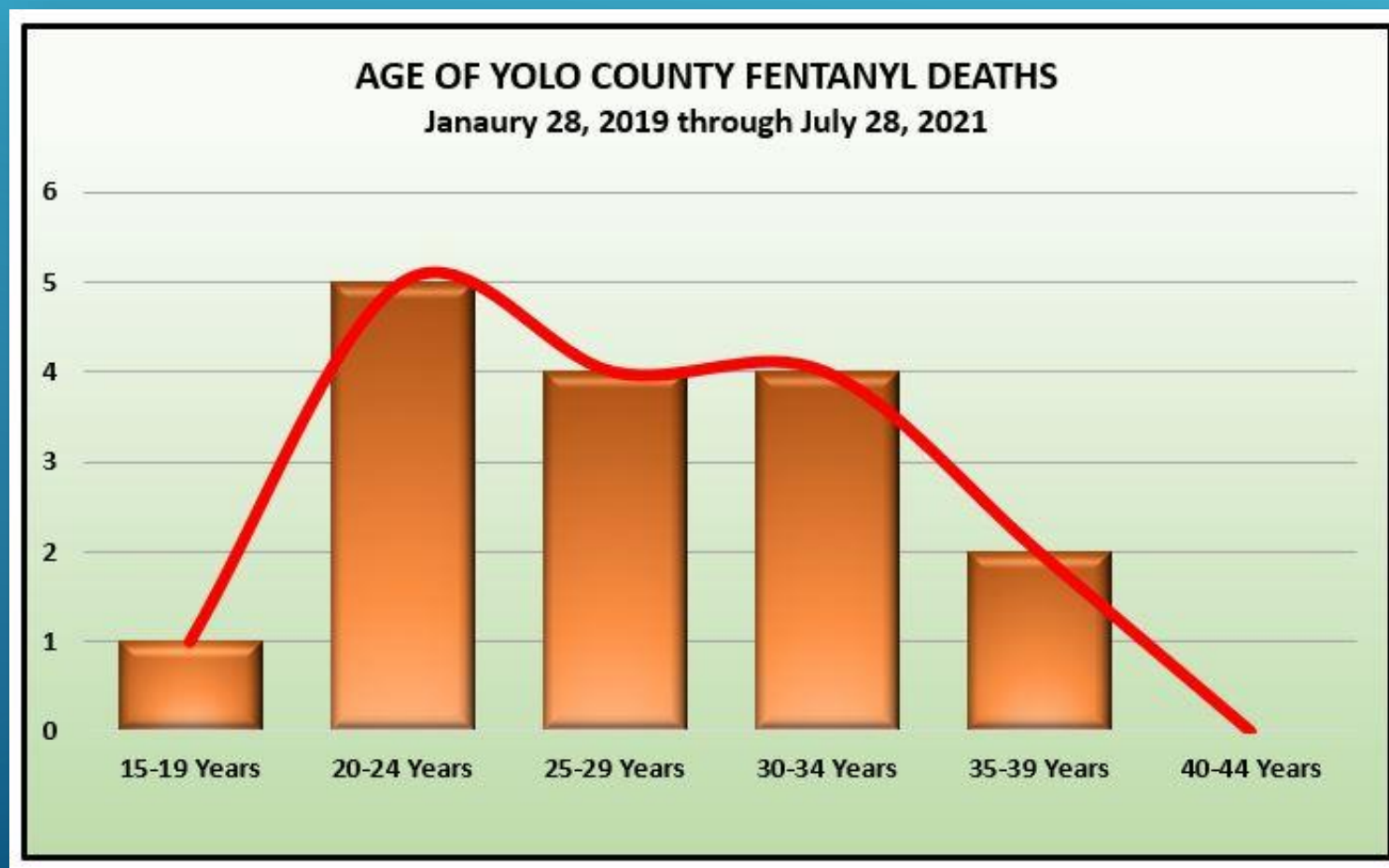


Fentanyl Deaths and Homicides in Yolo County



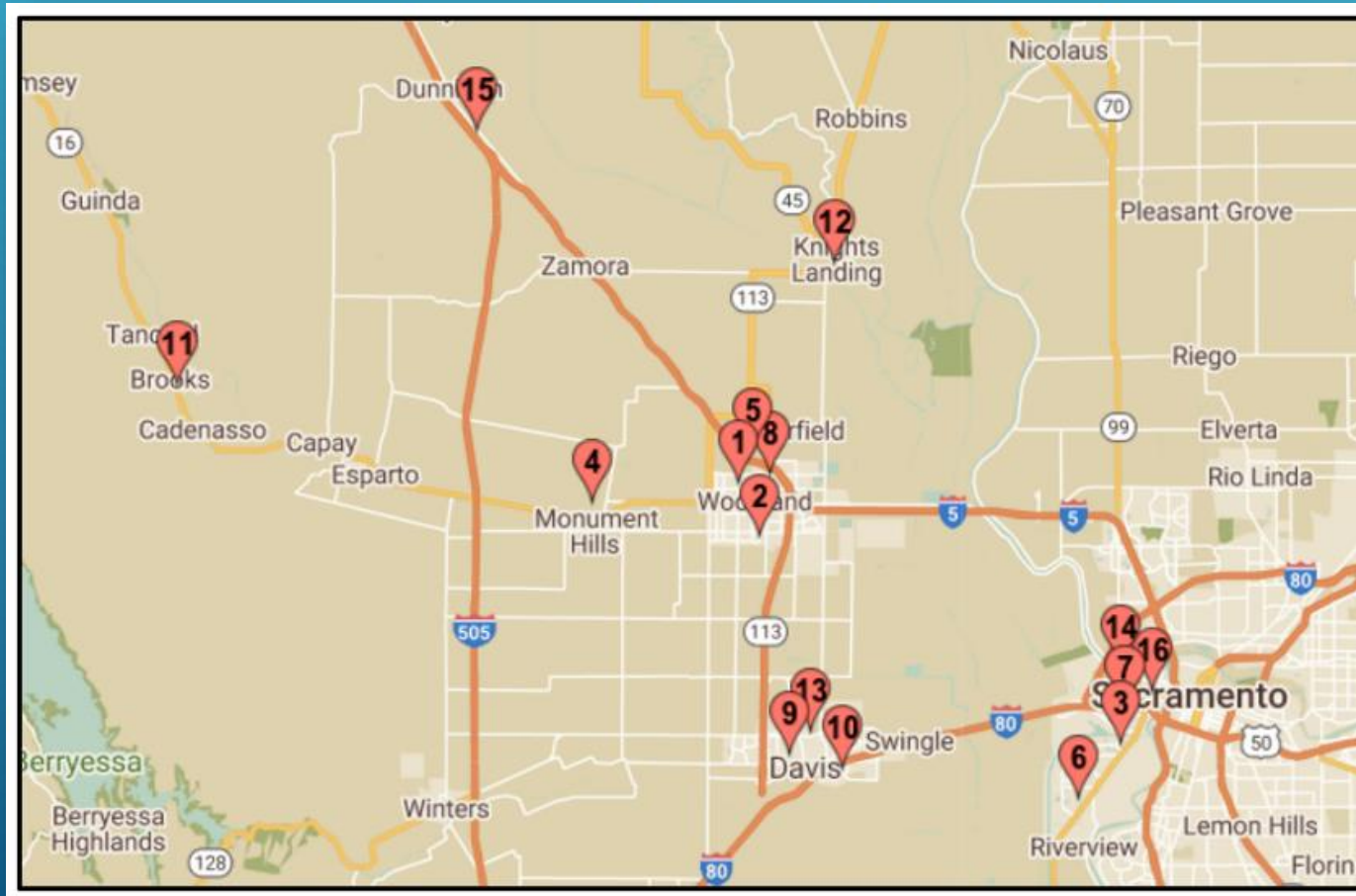


The Average Age of Yolo County Victims is 27





The Deaths have been Throughout Yolo County





Response to Fentanyl Problem

- In the Courtroom
- In the Community



In The Courtroom

Yolo County DA to Issue Warning of Homicide Charges for Narcotics Traffickers Causing Fentanyl-Related Deaths

Thursday, June 17th, 2021

Deaths Caused by Reckless Disregard for Known Risk is Driving New Policy

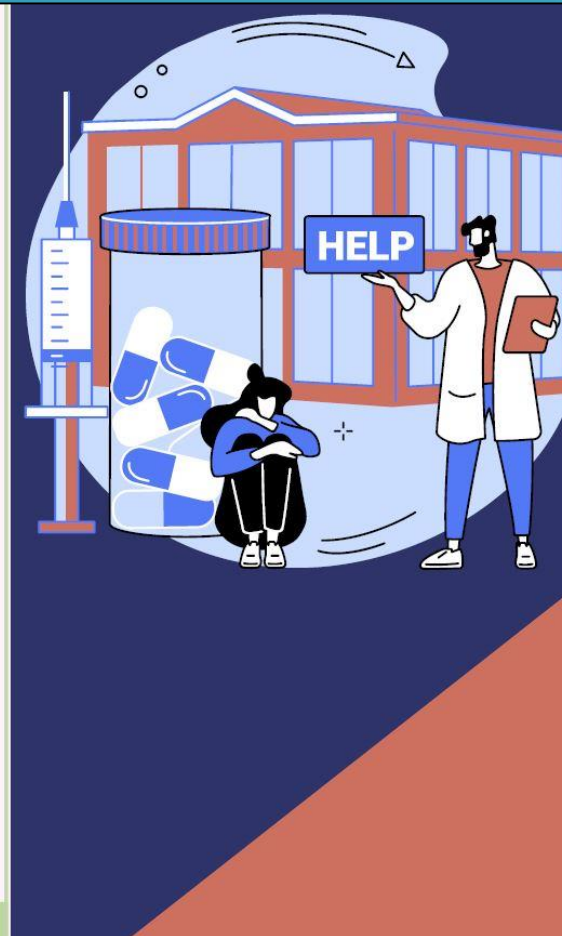
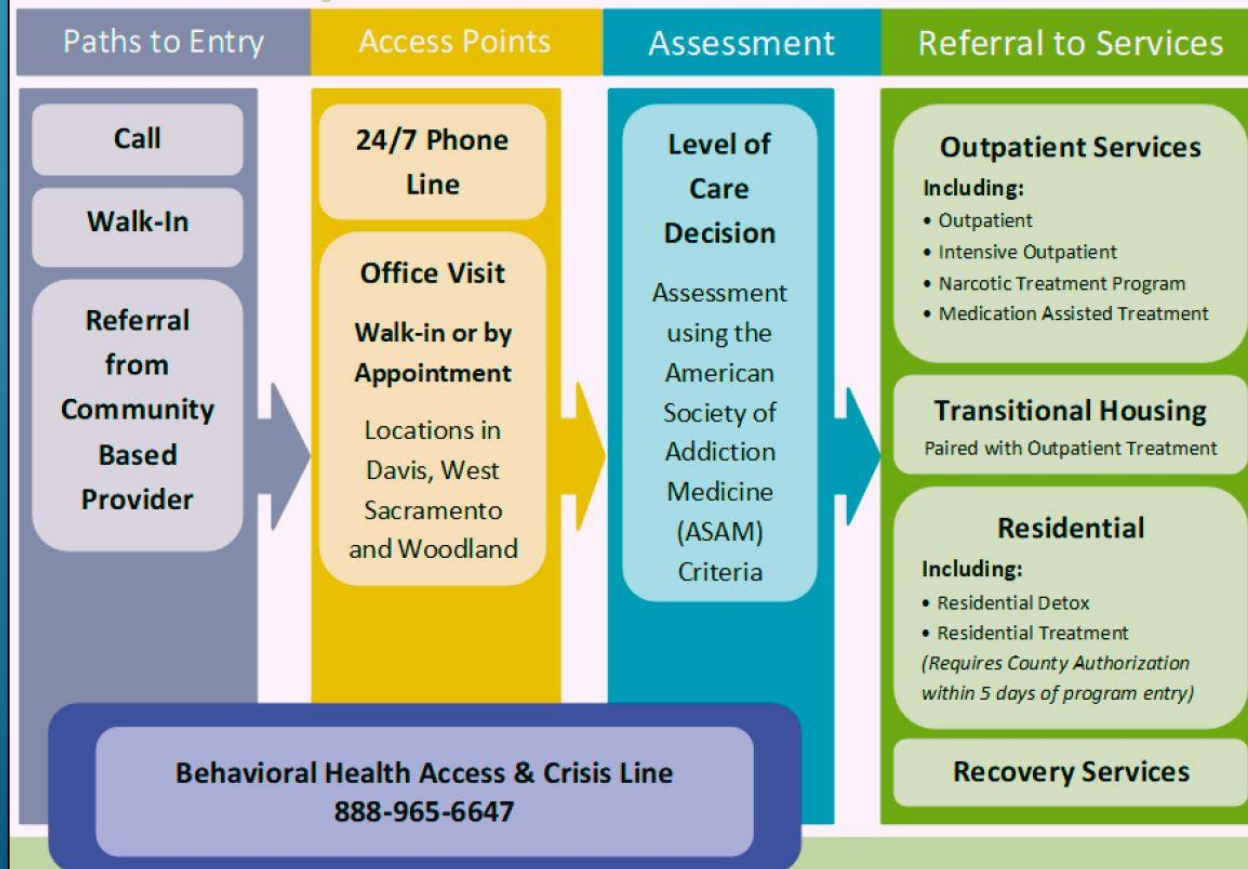
[Press Release](#)

(Woodland, CA) – June 17, 2021 – The Yolo County District Attorney's Office will now require, with any plea agreement involving narcotics trafficking, that the prosecutor formally advise defendants that they could face homicide charges if they later provide drugs to a person who dies of a Fentanyl overdose.



In The Community

Yolo County Substance Use Continuum of Care





In The Community

PROGRAM PROVIDERS

Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient

- CommuniCare Health Centers
- Turning Point Community Programs
- Progress House

Residential

- Yolo Wayfarer Center DBA Walter's House
- Progress House
- WellSpace Health Centers (residential withdrawal management)

Narcotic/Opioid Treatment Programs

- Bi-Valley Medical Clinic
- Medmark Fairfield
- MedMark Sacramento
- CORE Medical Clinic Sacramento
- CORE Medical West Sacramento

Transitional Housing

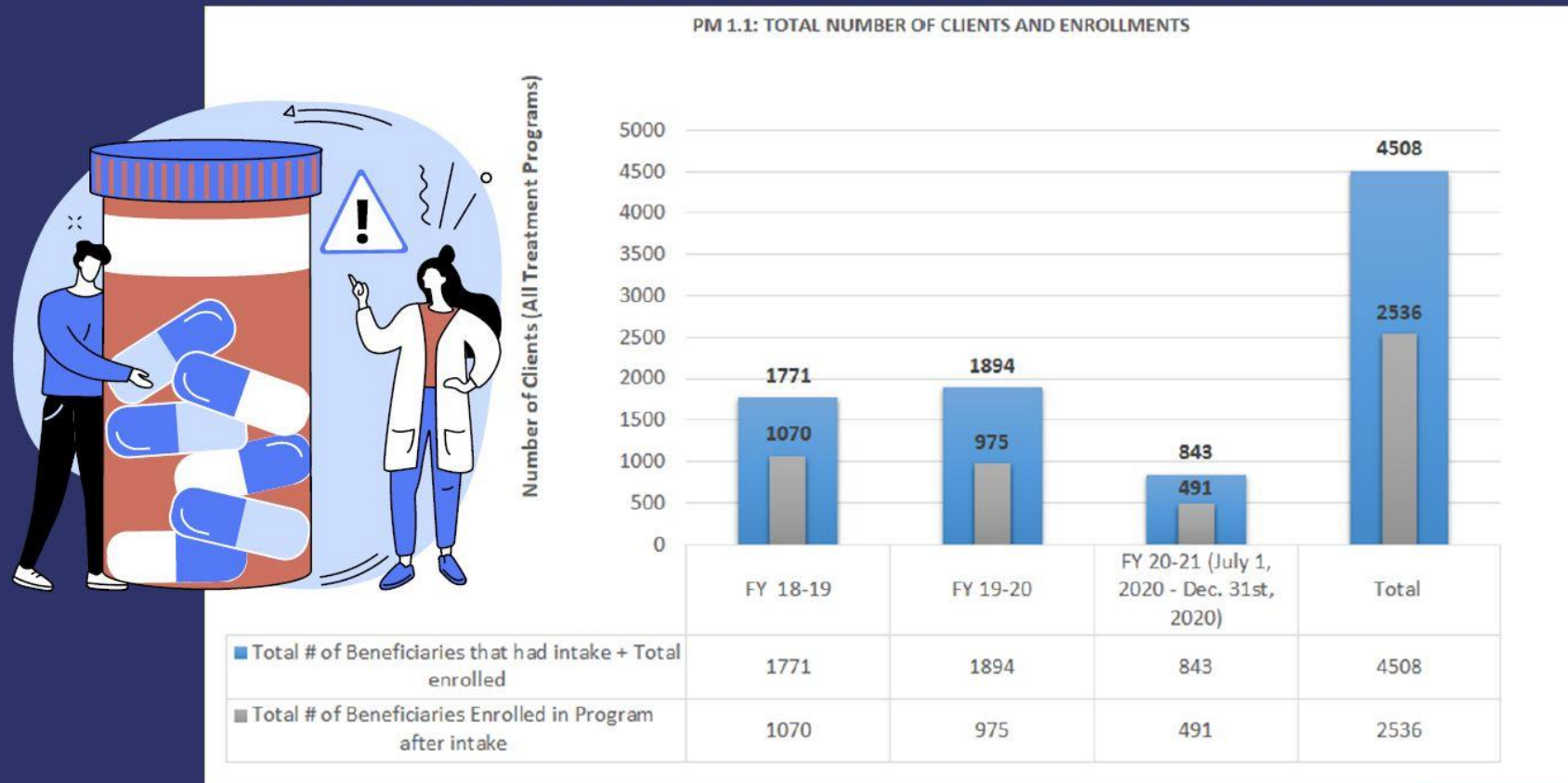
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In The Community

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLIENTS AND ENROLLMENTS





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In The Community

- Public Awareness Campaign
- Partnerships with Law Enforcement, Schools, and Healthcare



Public Awareness in the Community

PSA's targeting General Population, Parents and Youth

Placement of PSA

- *Social Media – FB, IG, TikTok, YouTube...*
- *Traditional Media – Newspapers, Billboards, Bus Stops, TV/Radio, Theatres, Posters...*
- *Schools - Admin, students, parents...*
- *Healthcare – Admin, Flyers...*



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Public Awareness in the Community





Public Awareness in the Community

Sacramento County is running a 1PillCanKillSac.com campaign:

WE HAVE AN EPIDEMIC IN OUR COMMUNITY - IT'S CALLED FENTANYL
MORE PEOPLE IN SACRAMENTO ARE DYING FROM FENTANYL OVERDOSES THAN HOMICIDES!

1PILL CAN KILL

92% of tested street pills are fake, 75% of those pills contained fentanyl.

Deadly Fentanyl can hide anywhere

POWDER **PILLS** **DEADLY DOSE**

Signs of an Opioid Overdose

- Blue lips or nails
- Choking/snoring sounds
- Dizziness and confusion
- Can't be woken up
- Slow or no breathing
- Difficulty staying awake

Suspect an overdose? | **Call 9-1-1** | Administer **NALOXONE** if available. Stay with the person until help arrives.

1PillCanKillSac.com

ATTENTION PARENTS & GUARDIANS!

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DRUG DEALERS ARE CONTACTING CHILDREN THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA AND MONEY TRANSFER APPS. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE ACTIVITY!

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Video PSAs



Crime Lab – 3 minutes



Amador Fire Chief Walt White – 1 minute



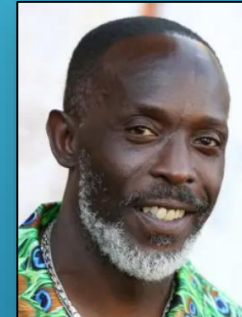
Celebrities who have Died from Fentanyl



Prince,
musician



Shock G,
rapper



Michael K.
Williams, actor



Tom Petty,
musician



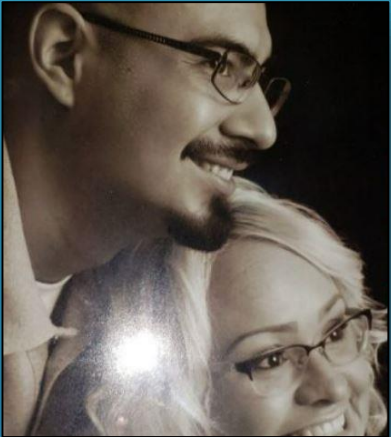
Logan Williams,
actor



Fuquan Johnson,
comedian



Yolo County Fentanyl Victims



Armando Fernandez died on 01/28/2019. He was 27 years old. He left behind a girlfriend and two daughters.



Mason Tafoya died on 02/27/2020. He was 18 years old. He worked at a pizzeria.



Jacob Haun died on 05/08/2020. He was 22 years old.



Aitzaaz Ahmad died on 05/26/2020. He was 23 years old. He was a graduate of UC Santa Barbara and had just started a job as a statistician.



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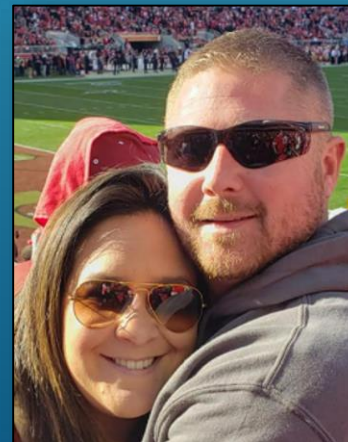
Michael McQuillan
died on 06/01/2020.
He was 21 years old.



Tatyana Bolyshkanov
died on 07/19/2020.
She was 33 years old.
She left behind a
boyfriend.



Valentino Rodriguez
died on 10/21/2020.
He was 30 years old.
He was a corrections
officer in Folsom. He
was found by his wife.



Samuel Allara died on
12/10/2020. He was 34
years old. He left
behind his fiancée and
their six-month-old
puppy.



Yolo County Fentanyl Victims



Shannon Minton died on 12/29/2020. She was 26 years old. She had studied clinical nutrition at UC Davis.



Benjamin Rojas died on 01/13/2021. He was 20 years old. He was a junior at UC Davis.



Mathew Artesi died on 01/30/2021. He was 30 years old. He was an avid poker player and had studied firefighting.



Jose "Nano" Solorzano died on 03/27/2021. He was 29 years old. He left behind a girlfriend, a son, and a stepdaughter.



Yolo County Fentanyl Victims



Jacob Lee died on 04/11/2021. He was 23 years old. He was completing an English degree and working as a waiter.



Jose Garcia-Felix died on 06/18/2021. He was 26 years old. He had studied at Sacramento City College and was working as a sales manager.



Marc Sampson died on 06/18/2021. He was 39 years old. He was a health and safety manager. He left behind a wife and children.



Lafayette Mims III died on 07/28/2021. He was 36 years old. He was a coach for Pop Warner football, baseball, and basketball. He left behind a wife and children.



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There will be more.



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