



Temple Station

Drug Awareness Event

"Run Away from the Drugs!"

Fatal Overdose Caused by Fentanyl is Rising

LOS ANGELES (KABC) -- Two recent drug-overdose deaths involving high school students in Los Angeles County has local health officials sounding the alarm on deadly narcotics illicitly offered to teenagers.

The latest research reveals California to be the epicenter of the teen overdose crisis. Experts and health officials say not only are fentanyl-laced counterfeit pills more accessible, they're also more dangerous.

The overdose death of 15-year-old Melanie Ramos at Bernstein High School in Hollywood this week was not an anomaly. Another [overdose death involving a teen](#) was reported in La Puente. UCLA substance abuse researchers say it's sadly becoming the norm.

"The rate of overdose deaths among U.S. teenagers nearly doubled in 2020, the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, and rose another 20% in the first half of 2021 compared with the 10 years before the pandemic," according a [UCLA news release](#) on the research.

"These are very concerning trends, we've never seen anything like this in the United States," said [Dr. Joseph Friedman](#), an addiction researcher at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Seven Los Angeles teens have overdosed on likely fentanyl in last month, police say

At least seven teenagers, including a high school student who died last week, have overdosed in Los Angeles in the last month after taking pills possibly laced with fentanyl, [the Los Angeles Times reported](#).

The latest overdose occurred Saturday morning, when a 15-year-old student from STEM Academy of Hollywood was found unconscious by his mother in their Hollywood residence, LAPD Chief Michel Moore told the newspaper.

Police said they are investigating whether the most recent overdose was connected to the drugs that killed 15-year-old Melanie Ramos, a student at Bernstein High School, which is part of STEM Academy, on Sept. 13.

Moore confirmed that 10 pills that police took into custody last week during the [arrest of a 15-year-old boy](#) on suspicion of manslaughter tested positive for fentanyl. He described them as “crude blue M30 pills” believed to be counterfeits containing fentanyl and are produced by illicit labs as a substitute for Percocet, a pain reliever that contains the opioid oxycodone.

“It speaks to the impurities of street narcotics,” Moore said. “Fentanyl is a very dangerous drug, and this dosage can range from being a painkiller to a depressant to death.”

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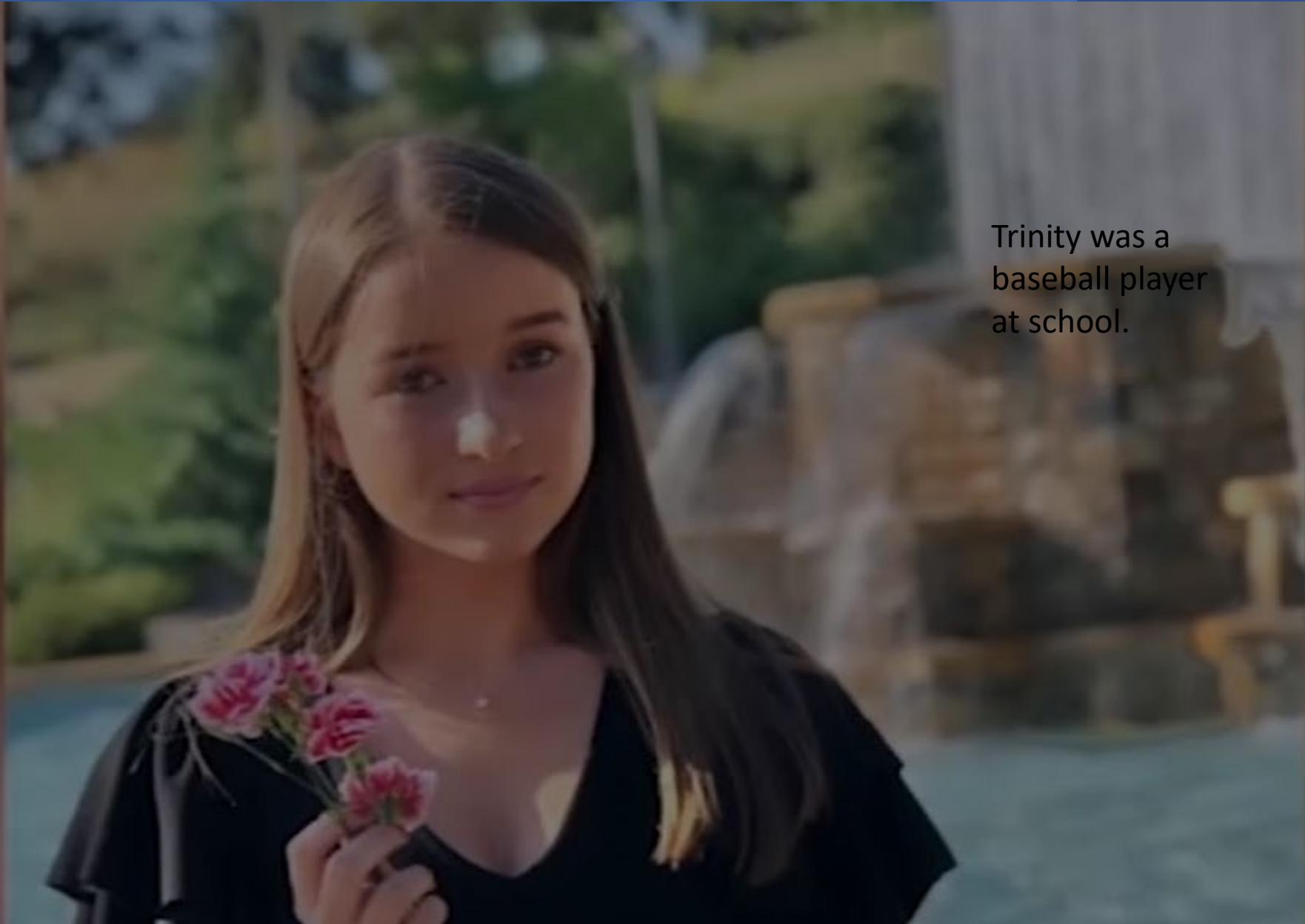
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Trinity was a
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**FENTANYL OVERDOSE.
THE FULLERTON TEEN WENT TO TROY**



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17-Year-old Trinity was believed to have an accidental fentanyl overdose. She came home after a party with friends and was later found unresponsive by her family member.

Fentanyl

NARCOTICS (OPIOIDS)What is it?

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50-100 times stronger than morphine. Pharmaceutical fentanyl was developed for pain management treatment of cancer patients, applied in a patch on the skin. Because of its powerful opioid properties, Fentanyl is also diverted for abuse. Fentanyl is added to heroin to increase its potency, or be disguised as highly potent heroin. Many users believe that they are purchasing heroin and actually don't know that they are purchasing fentanyl – which often results in overdose deaths. Clandestinely-produced fentanyl is primarily manufactured in Mexico.

Street Names

Apace, China Girl, China Town, China White, Dance Fever, Goodfellas, Great Bear, He-Man, Poison and Tango & Cash,

How is it used?

Intense, short-term high, temporary feelings of euphoria, slowed respiration and reduced blood pressure, nausea, fainting, seizures, death.

How does it affect the body?

Similar to other opioid analgesics, fentanyl produces effects such as: relaxation, euphoria, pain relief, sedation, confusion, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea and vomiting, urinary retention, pupillary constriction, and respiratory depression.



RUN AWAY FROM DRUGS



Come to a fun run/walk with C.A.F. & TEM LASD
Stay healthy, stay together, stay away from drugs!

Please join us for a fun and meaningful run/walk
to JUST SAY NO to drugs!

Date: November 5, 2022, 8:00AM-10:00AM

Start Location: Temple Sheriff's Station 8838 Las Tunas Dr., Temple City, CA 91780

End Location: 9952 Las Tunas Dr., Temple City, CA 91780

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Be the one to save lives! Be the one to stand strong!



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We are now in the worst overdose epidemic in the United States in history. According to the CDC, fentanyl was the leading cause for the record number of drug poisoning and overdose deaths in America last year, 2021, more than 71,000 were linked to synthetic opioids like fentanyl meanwhile the opioid continues to flood the illicit drug market. U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland stated, there was a historic amount of fentanyl since May. The U.S. seized over 10 million fake pills, 982 pounds of fentanyl powder across all 50 states, that is enough to kill 36 million Americans.

These drugs are accessible through social media such as snap chat, Instagram, the DEA saying nearly 130 investigations are linked to social media platforms. Buying drugs is as easy as sending the right emoji .

Chinese American Federation, along with Temple Sheriff's Station, plan on a drug awareness event on Saturday, November 5, 2022. We encourage our teens to run or walk with us, talk to us, and understand the actual danger of fentanyl and other drugs. We chose the form of running/walking because it is inviting and motivating. We want our teens participate and interact with law enforcement, not just dry lectures. We hope to get support from the city, the schools and the parents to combat this crisis together!