



# Information Alert

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## **CORRECTED UPDATE: HEROIN OVERDOSE ALERT**

**UPDATE:** This update corrects the spelling of the stamp "Theraflu." There have been several confirmed cases involving fentanyl laced heroin, stamped "Theraflu". Emergency responders having contact with any heroin, specifically heroin stamped "Theraflu", "BUD LIGHT", "BUD ICE", "DIESEL", and "COORS LIGHT," should continue to **use caution** and are recommended to wear protective gloves and masks.

(U//FOUO) The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) is investigating several reports of tainted heroin. The heroin is reportedly being cut with fentanyl and sold in packages marked in red ink with the street name, "Theraflu". Laboratory testing has been requested to confirm the reports. There have been several reported overdoses, including some resulting in death, involving the heroin stamped "Theraflu". The drug is so potent that street users are reportedly being instructed to cut their dose in half if they encounter packets with this stamp.



(U//FOUO) Heroin stamps "BUD LIGHT", "BUD ICE", "DIESEL", and "COORS LIGHT" may also be tainted and are possibly a derivative of "Theraflu". In January 2014, two deaths were reported related to the heroin stamp "BUD LIGHT". It is suspected that the overdoses may have been caused by the drug being contaminated.

(U//FOUO) In the last few weeks, several incidents involving heroin have occurred in the northwestern part of Pennsylvania. Three of those incidents resulted in death and twelve resulted in overdose. None of the heroin from those incidents contained a stamp or marking, indicating that other contaminated heroin has reached the streets. It has been determined that one of the incidents that resulted in death involved heroin cut with fentanyl.

(U//FOUO) This information is being provided for situational awareness. First responders and medical personnel coming into contact with individuals who may have been exposed to tainted heroin should be aware of the possible effects of this drug. Tips regarding the use or distribution of illicit drugs should be directed to the Pennsylvania State Police Drug Tip Line at (877) 726-6378 or email at [tips@pa.gov](mailto:tips@pa.gov).

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