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## Second Yolo County Fentanyl Death

**(Woodland, CA)** – To date, Yolo County Health & Human Services has received reports of three drug overdoses by residents in Davis, West Sacramento and Woodland associated with ingestion of counterfeit prescription pain pills containing fentanyl; two of which resulted in death.

Regionally, there have been 53 known overdoses and 13 deaths of individuals who may have believed they were consuming the prescription painkiller Norco (acetaminophen/hydrocodone), a commonly abused prescription painkiller. Initially, health officials believed the overdoses were caused by taking tablets or capsules of Norco that was laced with fentanyl. Now it is believed that fentanyl pills made to look like Norco tablets are being sold on the street. Fentanyl is a highly potent, fast acting opiate that is approximately 100 times more powerful than heroin.

Yolo County Health & Human Services is urging individuals to refrain from taking any prescription-type pills that they did not directly receive from a pharmacy or their own doctor.

“It is dangerous and can potentially be deadly to take pills purchased off of the street or provided by a friend or family member,” said Yolo County Public Health Officer Dr. Ron Chapman, MD, MPH. “If you think someone has overdosed, call 911 immediately.”

Opioid overdose may present as unresponsiveness, trouble breathing, skin that turns blue, vomiting and pinpoint pupils. Yolo County Health & Human Services is working collaboratively with healthcare providers, hospitals and law enforcement to warn the public about the risk of overdose and to ensure that first responders and hospitals are aware of this emerging trend throughout Yolo County.

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