

The Drug that Killed Prince is Setting Records in Florida

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The drug that reportedly killed pop music icon Prince is wreaking havoc setting death records in South Florida, from Fort Lauderdale to West Palm Beach to Vero Beach and Port St. Lucie. According to the medical examiner, toxicology tests have concluded that the entertainer died from an accidental overdose of the opioid fentanyl, CNN reported. The Palm Beach Post, Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel and Miami Herald report that heroin and fentanyl were among a handful of drugs – including sedatives, cocaine and morphine, which have **caused the most deaths in Florida**.

Because **Fentanyl is so much more powerful than heroin** and killing so many people in South Florida, law enforcement and paramedics in cities throughout South Florida, including Delray Beach, Boca Raton, West Palm Beach, Ft. Pierce and Vero Beach, are carrying Narcan, a drug used to reverse the effects of opioid overdoses.

The opiate drug Fentanyl, often prescribed by doctors for cancer treatment, can be made illicitly and is blamed for a spike in overdose deaths in the United States. This drug is 25 to 50 times **more potent than heroin** and 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

If someone you know is addicted to alcohol or drugs that can be a setup for stepping up to worse drugs like Fentanyl. **Please consider a Marchman Act hearing** before something worse happens to a friend or family member. We're experts in the Marchman Act hearings and serve people from St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Okeechobee, Broward and Dade counties.

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