



## NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Updated - Press Release Pills Related to Recent Overdoses Contain Carfentanil March 1, 2018

The Northfield Police Department has received lab results from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Forensic Science Lab regarding the pills associated to three recent overdoses in Northfield. The pills in question contained Carfentanil a very potent, potentially lethal synthetic opioid.

The pills had been purchased illegally as "Oxy," in a small, round, blue pill with "K 9" stamped into it. See the photo below. "Oxy" is a common nickname for Oxycontin, Oxycodone, or Percocet, which are opioid based pain medications. Police have confirmed the pills in question had been manufactured to look like real Oxycodone 30 mg pills, but they actually contained Carfentanil.



Carfentanil is up to 10,000 times more potent than morphine. Drugs containing Carfentanil or Fentanyl have been associated with thousands of overdose deaths around the United States. Unfortunately, there are many examples of black market pills manufactured to look like legitimate prescription narcotics. There is no way for the public to know what these (illegally obtained) pills actually contain.

#### **If you or someone you know may be in possession of similar drugs, Please:**

- Do not consume the drugs or allow someone else to consume the drugs.
- Consider bringing the pills to Law Enforcement, so they can be tested. Cooperating with Law Enforcement may save lives and will not result in prosecution.
- If you find someone in potential overdose or unresponsive,
  - o **Call 911 Immediately**
  - o **Stay on Scene**
  - o **Provide CPR**
  - o **Help Emergency Responders with information and drug details**

Northfield Police Investigators and Cannon River Drug and Violent Offender Task Force Agents are investigating these incidents, and seek information/assistance from the public. If you have any information related to these or other drug issues, please:

- Call Northfield Police at 507-645-4477
- Contact Northfield Police via their website at <https://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/PublicLogin.aspx?txtRedirect=RequestTracker.aspx&strAction=Login&ewURL=/forms.aspx?fid=105>
- Send an anonymous text "RICECO" to "TIP411."