

## Pills: Fentanyl disguised as “Oxycodone”

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In November of 2020, Meridian detectives arrested a male suspect for trafficking charges of methamphetamine and heroin. He was also in possession of a large number of pills with an “M” (front) and “30” (back) pressed on them. The pills had a chalky appearance as if they had been wet and then dried out. The color of the shell also varied throughout the pill, with dark specks and light specks as if they had been crushed and re-pressed. The imprint, or marking, of the pills also seemed to vary from pill to pill on the depth of the imprint. The imprint looked “rounded” on the edges too, not crisp and consistent like pharmaceutical grade pills. The pills were sent to a lab at Idaho State Police for testing in which they disclosed the discovery that the “Oxycodone” pills were in fact Fentanyl. These pills are believed to have ties to an international drug cartel and the suspect, who was contacted in a Meridian motel, stated in an interview that he was sent here by an out of state cartel contact with the express purpose of selling these pills, along with the large amounts of methamphetamine and heroin, specifically in the Meridian and Boise area.



PHOTO OF CONFISCATED PILLS