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Counterfeit Pills Seized in South Carolina

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Overview of Counterfeit Pills Seized in South Carolina

Counterfeit pills manufactured to look visually identical to legitimate prescription pills like oxycodone, alprazolam, amphetamine, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, and phentermine, but often containing lethal doses of synthetic drugs, have become a major threat. Drugs in pill form can be easier to sell and use, and since they are primarily sold through social media and e-commerce platforms, they are easily accessible to younger populations and are responsible for an increasing number of overdose fatalities.

Illicit fentanyl is the dominant ingredient in these counterfeit pills, and methamphetamine, xylazine, nitazenes, and benzodiazepines are frequently identified. DEA laboratory analyses estimate that in fiscal year 2025 approximately 29% of counterfeit pills with fentanyl contained a deadly dose (approximately 2 mg) and the average counterfeit pill contained 1.58 mg of fentanyl based on samples analyzed, down from a high of 2.47 mg in fiscal year 2023. Counterfeit pills now represent nearly half (49%) of all illicit fentanyl seized by the DEA, up from just 10% in 2017.

This report provides data about the counterfeit pill types seized in South Carolina between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2025. (Pills seized within this time frame but not lab tested by December 31, 2025, are not counted.) Each pill type occupies its own page, and they are presented in order from those with the largest number seized within this time frame to those with the smallest number seized within this time frame.

The threshold for including a pill type in this report is that it must have been seized at least ten separate times nationwide and laboratory testing must have confirmed that at least 50% of the pills seized are counterfeit. Note that, in most states, counterfeit M|30 oxycodone pills are ranked number one and account for 85% of all pills submitted to DEA laboratories.

The data provided for each pill type includes the total number seized and analyzed by DEA laboratories during the time frame, the percentage that were determined to be counterfeit in laboratory testing, and the most identified licit and illicit ingredients.



M | 30

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the M | 30 pill contains 30 mg of Oxycodone

34.2 K identical pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **71.39%** of all pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Fentanyl	73.48%
Acetaminophen	43.33%
BTMPS	29.63%
Lidocaine	26.38%
Medetomidine	20.24%
Caffeine	20.24%
Methamphetamine	12.54%
Cocaine	12.02%
Heroin	3.01%
Xylazine	2.52%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Fentanyl	29.88%
Fentanyl; Acetaminophen	18.35%
BTMPS; Caffeine; Lidocaine; Medetomidine	15.81%
Fentanyl; Methamphetamine; Acetaminophen; Cocaine	10.90%
Fentanyl; Acetaminophen; BTMPS; Lidocaine	8.66%
BTMPS	5.04%
Acetaminophen	2.87%
Fentanyl; Acetaminophen; Caffeine; Medetomidine; Xylazine	2.52%
Fentanyl; Caffeine; Dimethyl Sulfone; Heroin; Lidocaine; Medetomidine	1.88%
Methamphetamine; Diphenhydramine	1.63%
Other	2.47%



V | 48 12

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the V | 48 12 pill contains 30 mg of Oxycodone

3,461 identical pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **7.21%** of all pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Fentanyl	100.00%
Caffeine	44.70%
Medetomidine	44.70%
BTMPS	29.59%
Acetaminophen	15.11%
Lidocaine	15.11%
p-Fluorofentanyl	14.01%
Acetyl Fentanyl	5.43%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Fentanyl	35.86%
Fentanyl; BTMPS; Caffeine; Medetomidine	29.59%
Fentanyl; Acetaminophen; Caffeine; Lidocaine; Medetomidine	15.11%
Fentanyl; p-Fluorofentanyl	14.01%
Fentanyl; Acetyl Fentanyl	5.43%



A 215

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the A 215 pill contains 30 mg of Oxycodone

1,577 identical pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **3.29%** of all pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Fentanyl	98.10%
Acetaminophen	56.63%
BTMPS	56.63%
Heroin	56.63%
Lidocaine	33.29%
Xylazine	2.22%
o-Methyl Fentanyl	1.90%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Fentanyl; Acetaminophen; BTMPS; Heroin	56.63%
Fentanyl; Lidocaine	33.29%
Fentanyl	7.86%
o-Methyl Fentanyl; Xylazine	1.90%
Fentanyl; Xylazine	0.32%



GG249

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the GG249 pill contains 2 mg of Alprazolam

1,465 identical pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **3.05%** of all pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Bromazolam	95.84%
No Substances Identified	4.16%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Bromazolam	95.84%
No Substances Identified	4.16%



B707

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the B707 pill contains 2 mg of Alprazolam

397 identical pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.83%** of all pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Bromazolam	100.00%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Bromazolam	100.00%



AD | 30

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the AD | 30 pill contains 30 mg of Amphetamine

108 identical pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.22%** of all pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Methamphetamine	100.00%
Dimethyl Sulfone	92.59%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Methamphetamine; Dimethyl Sulfone	92.59%
Methamphetamine	7.41%



T 189

Note: The legitimate pharmaceutical version of the T 189 pill contains 30 mg of Oxycodone

83 identical pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

100% of these seized pills were determined to be counterfeit by DEA laboratories

They account for **0.17%** of all pills seized in South Carolina 01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Drugs Identified in Pills

Drug	% Pills
Fentanyl	100.00%

Drug Combinations Identified in Pills

Drug Combination	% Pills
Fentanyl	100.00%