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## **Suspected Drug Overdoses**

ABILENE, TX – Since 2021, Abilene Police have investigated several drug overdoses involving Fentanyl. In January of 2023, Elijah Perez pled guilty in Federal Court to distribution of fentanyl resulting in death. He has not been sentenced.

The Department continues to urge members of the community that have come into possession of any controlled substance not prescribed by a licensed physician or filled through a pharmacy to refrain from consuming these substances as they can pose a real danger to human life.

Attached is a recent Health Advisory from the Texas Department of State Health Services that warns of colorful versions of Fentanyl that could appeal to young people.

If anyone has any information regarding Fentanyl distribution, or the distribution of any illegal substance, please contact the Department's non-emergency number at 673-8331 or Abilene Crime Stoppers at 676-TIPS (8477).

Respectfully,

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