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SpectraPlasmonics

# DRUG CHECKING SUMMARY

## December 2025

31

drug tests completed

1

test results contained only  
the expected substance

Substances tested in December 2025 contained numerous unexpected results, with various fentanyl samples containing carfentanil, xylazine, medetomidine, phenobarbital, and cyclophosphamide.

97%

of samples contained  
unexpected substances



**DRUG ALERT:**  
Carfentanil has been  
found in samples  
presumed to be  
fentanyl. Carfentanil is  
100x stronger than  
fentanyl and can cause  
severe overdose.

# CARFENTANIL

## VETERINARY OPIOID

### WHAT IS IT?

Carfentanil is an opioid used in veterinary medicine to sedate large animals like elephants and rhinoceroses.

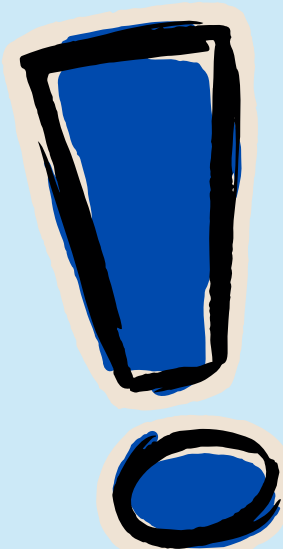
### POTENCY

Carfentanil is 100 times stronger than fentanyl and 10,000 times than morphine. It is not intended for human consumption.

### WHAT WILL IT DO?

Decreases alertness, pain, heart rate, blood pressure, and consciousness. May cause euphoria, sedation, coma, or death.

Overdose is very likely.



### CAN I OVERDOSE ON CARFENTANIL?

**YES!** Carfentanil can cause severe overdose due to its high potency. Since it is so potent, multiple doses of Naloxone are likely required. Administer Naloxone and call 911 if you suspect an overdose.

### SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF AN OVERDOSE

- Dizziness
- Confusion
- Difficulty waking up
- Slowed or stopped breathing
- Clammy skin

### TIPS

- Get your drugs tested
- Start with a small amount
- Don't use alone
- Carry Naloxone
- Download the LifeGuard App

### MOBILE DRUG CHECKING HOURS AND CONTACT

**807-630-8631**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

