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**Federal, State, and Local Authorities Make Fentanyl Bust
in Adams County**

MADISON, Wis. – On Monday, May 15, 2017, a suspicious package was intercepted by the United States Postal Service (USPS) that was found to contain Furynal Fentanyl, an analog to Fentanyl which has been responsible for numerous overdoses throughout the State of Wisconsin. Furanyl Fentanyl is frequently mixed with heroin or sold as purported heroin. This parcel was destined for an address in Adams Friendship.

On Wednesday, May 17, 2017, a search warrant was obtained for an address located in the 200 block of N. Pierce Ave, Adams, WI. Several agencies coordinated the execution of this search warrant, including the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation, Wisconsin National Guard 54th Civil Service Team, Adams County Sheriff's Office, USPS, Adams County Fire Department, Adams County Child Protective Services, City of Adams Police Department, and the Adams County Health Department. Fentanyl varies in its potential lethality, and because these substances are often difficult to distinguish on site, personnel responding to this situation were required to wear special protective gear similar to that worn when methamphetamine labs are encountered.

An adult female and a 1-year-old infant were safely removed from the residence when the search warrant was served. The owner of the residence, a 40 year old male, was arrested at another location in Adams County and detained at the Adams County Jail on charges of bail jumping and possession of marijuana and narcotic drugs. A small quantity of suspicious powder was removed from the home and will be tested at the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory.

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Certain types of fentanyl, in particular carfentanyl, can be lethal at doses as low as 2 micrograms. These substances have been responsible for many fatal overdoses in the Wisconsin and throughout the country.

These substances do not recognize the difference between innocent bystanders and those who are addicted to them – and they can kill at extremely low doses. While those abusing these substances are particularly at risk, accidental ingestion by innocent bystanders can occur by inhalation, or simply getting a microscopic particle of the substance on your skin.

This case is being prosecuted by the Adams County District Attorney's Office. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.