DARKNET DRUG MARKETS

SUPPLY CHAINS, STAKEHOLDERS, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

#NSFW

Michael Gilbert Nabarun Dasgupta

RADARS Annual Meeting Friday May 12, 2017 Washington, DC

SILICONE TO SYRINGE

A primer on buying drugs online

 Global history of fentanyl-heroin
What are cryptomarkets?
How do they interact with established drug supply chains for fentanyl-heroin?

Discussion: What are the implications for public health and surveillance?

HEROINFENTANYL

An abbreviated global history



US EAST COAST

Fentanyl tainted heroin responsible for 126 overdose deaths in major cities. 1991-2

1993 🥥

1990s



0

EUROPE

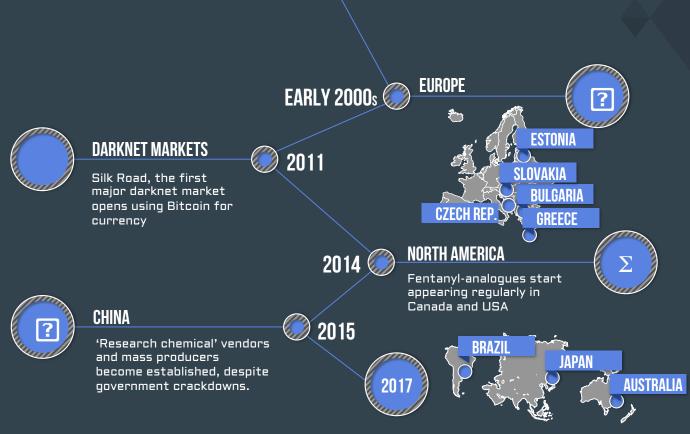
Illicitly manufactured fentanyl implicated in sporadic overdose deaths.

KANSAS

"The Drug Wizard of Wichita" – two self-taught chemists apprehended in "the country's only operational fentanyl lab" and "the only active fentanyl lab DEA agents have ever busted."

- Newsweek, June 20, 1993

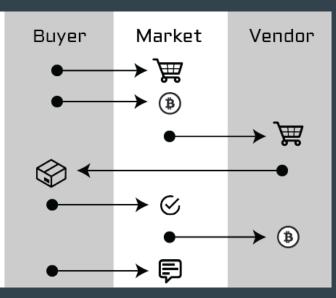




AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND DEMO

Buying Fentanyl from Online Black Markets

- BUYER places order with MARKET
- 2 BUYER sends Bitcoin to MARKET escrow
- 3 VENDOR gets order & escrow confirmation
- 4 VENDOR ships product
- 6 BUYER confirms receipt
- 6 MARKET releases escrow to VENDOR
 - BUYER leaves feedback on MARKET



EXAMPLE 1: DIRECT SALE OF COUNTERFEITS

No cartel involvement



100 oxycodone v 4812 30MG best in the market \$8 a pill sale

xycodone v 4812 30MG pressed with Fentanyl 0.8 MG which is equal 100MG OXY as active substance. the product has accurated dosage (no hot spot) it can be used IV / oral / smoke / snort Attention : DO NOT COMBINE ALCOHOL ON BENZO WITH THIS DRUG. shipping from U.S to U.S only read my profile for full info prices \$9 a pill deal if u buy more This is the best on the market ... Im not here to bum peo...

Payment

Escrow

1	Sold by Mr Care - 34 sold since Feb 16, 2017		Vendor Level 3	Trust Level 6	
l		Features		Features	
9	Product class	Physical package	Origin country	United States	
_	Quantity left	Unlimited	Ships to	Worldwide	

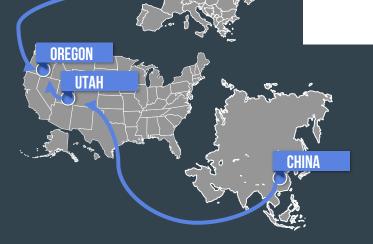
100 pills overnight shipping usps - 1 days - USD +25.00 / item

Purchase price: USD 800.00

Ends in

Qty:	1	Buy Now	Queue	
0.7874 BTC / 36.7816 XMR				

Never



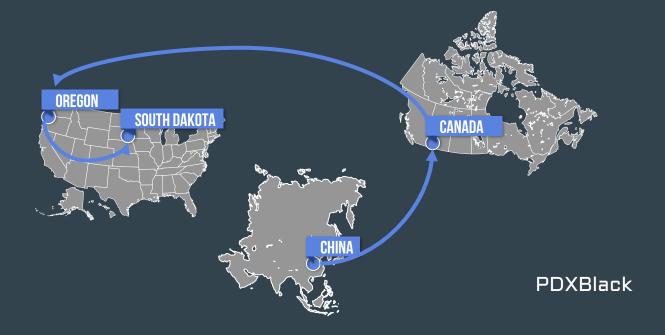
ETHERLANDS

Pharma-Master

TrustworthyMoney

EXAMPLE 2: LOCAL CARTEL SALES ONLINE

Cartel involvement



EXAMPLE 3: RESELLING CARTEL-SOURCED DRUGS



1G Sinaloa Black Tar Heroin (BTH)

NOTE: With this time of year its getting hot, so since BTH is hydromorphic it may get sticky and difficult to work with, if you experience this PLEASE REMEMBER my shit is tested and definitely pure enough to go back to solid just place it in the freezer and poof you have hard shattering BTH don't lose product due to heat if its quality product it can be placed in freezer for 25 min and all fix...

Sold by 145 Sold since Nov 8, 2015 Vendor Level 1 Trust Level 6

	Features		Features
Product class	Physical package	Origin country	United States
Quantity left	Unlimited	Ships to	United States
Ends in	Never	Payment	Escrow



Purchase pri	ice: USD 132.00	
Qty: 1	Buy Now	Queue

USPS Priority - 2 days - USD +10.00 / item

0.1296 BTC / 6.0801 XMR

NEW FORM FACTORS

Home / Drugs / Opioids / Heroin / Furanyl-Fentanyl Nasal Spray 10 ML



Furanyl-Fentanyl Nasal Spray 10 ML

JSD 25.48 (including 0.48 transaction fee) \$ 0.0258			Quantity: 1			
In stock	one				📜 Buy Now	
	ect an option		•			
Vendor	່ "ແລະລຸງີ ກາງສ [+61 0] Level 6 (80+)	+ Trusted Vendor		Favorite	? Question	Report
Class	Physical					
Ships From	Czech Republic					
Ships To	Worldwide					

Details Feedback Freedback Terms & Conditions

Listing Details

The bottle contains solution of Furanyl-fentanyl in water.

Furanyl-fentanyl is a fentanyl analogue, giving a short acting opioid high. Mixes of Furanyl-fentanyl or other fentanyl analogues with mannitol are known as China White (check our other listings).

Bottle contains 10 ml of liquid and 30mg of Furanyl-Fentanyl. One mililitre contains 3mg Fu-F. One dose is 130ul and contains 0.4mg.



Fentanyl blotters(500ug) x 5

Each blotter contains 500up of Fentanyl HCI. Blotters are designed for sublinguial administration (left under the tongue). Bioavailability is only 50% compared with I V which is 100%. Flease be careful and do your research before trying fentanyl. NOTE: Do not buy these blotters if you are an opiate novice. If we suspect you are inexperienced with opiates, we will reluse/cancel your order...

Sold by 14-3, 2015 - 94 sold since Jul 28, 2015	Vendor Level 6	Trust Level 6	
Features		Features	

	- outer oo		i outuroo	
Product class	Physical package	Origin country	Australia	
Quantity left	Unlimited	Ships to	Australia	
Ends in	Never	Payment	Escrow	



Purchase price: USD 51.00

Cty: 1 Buy Now Buy Now

FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. What are the implications of data misclassification?
- 2. What new information can we learn from markets?
- 3. Risks and benefits of buying drugs online?
- 4. What is the future of drugs checking services for public health and surveillance?



Mike michaelgilbert@mail.harvard.edu

Nab nabarun.dasgupta@rmpdc.org

Slides will be posted at radars.org

For more info on cryptomarkets see September 2016 special issue of International Journal of Drug Policy