

Fentanyl-positive non-opioids from drug checking in British Columbia: December 2021								
Date	Location [City]	Expected Drug [Category]	Appearance	FTIR Results	Strip Results		Notes	Confirmatory Results
					Fentanyl	Benzo		
1 Dec 2021	Overdose Prevention Society [Vancouver]	Flubromazepam [Depressant]	Light brown powder	Caffeine, Erythritol, Fentanyl, Uncertain match	Positive	Negative	No context provided.	Not saved for confirmatory testing
3 Dec 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Methamphetamine [Stimulant]	White crystal with green flecks	Erythritol, Caffeine, Methamphetamine	Positive	Negative	Green flecks tested as typical <i>down</i> .	Not saved for confirmatory testing
5 Dec 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Alprazolam (Xanax) [Depressant]	White chunk	Microcrystalline cellulose	Positive	Negative	No context provided.	Not saved for confirmatory testing
5 Dec 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Xylazine [Depressant]	White powder	Uncertain salt	Positive	N/A	No context provided.	Not saved for confirmatory testing
7 Dec 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Alprazolam (Xanax) [Depressant]	White powder	Etizolam	Positive	Positive	No context provided.	Not saved for confirmatory testing
8 Dec 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	MDMA [Psychedelic]	Light red granules	Caffeine, Erythritol, Mannitol, Fentanyl	Positive	Negative	This sample appeared to contain pieces of glass which cannot be tested on FTIR.	Not saved for confirmatory testing
9 Dec 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Alprazolam (Xanax) [Depressant]	White tablet (pharmaceutical)	Microcrystalline cellulose, Uncertain oil	Positive	Negative	Service user said cross contamination was unlikely. See note 2 below.	Not saved for confirmatory testing
14 Dec 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Alprazolam (Xanax) [Depressant]	White tablet (pharmaceutical)	Microcrystalline cellulose, Uncertain oil	Positive	Positive	See note 2 below.	Not saved for confirmatory testing
17 Dec 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Ketamine [Psychedelic]	White crystal	Ketamine, Uncertain match	Positive	N/A	Submitted for checking alongside poorly packaged <i>down</i> samples.	Not saved for confirmatory testing

18 Dec 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	MDMA [Psychedelic]	Brown granules	Caffeine, Erythritol, Polyethylene glycol	Positive	Negative	Technician noted repeating multiple test strips to confirm the result.	Not saved for confirmatory testing
24 Dec 2021	Insite [Vancouver]	Methamphetamine [Stimulant]	Colourless crystals	Methamphetamine	Positive	N/A	Sample was stored in a container that used to store fentanyl.	Not saved for confirmatory testing
26 Dec 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Alprazolam (Xanax) [Depressant]	White tablet (pharmaceutical)	Microcrystalline cellulose, Uncertain match, Uncertain oil	Positive	Negative	No context provided.	Not saved for confirmatory testing
29 Dec 2021	ANKORS [Nelson]	Cocaine [Stimulant]	White granules	Cocaine HCl	Positive	Negative	No context provided; an alert was issued by IHA.	Not saved for confirmatory testing
30 Dec 2021	Get Your Drugs Tested [Vancouver]	Cocaine [Stimulant]	White powder	Cocaine HCl	Positive	N/A	Technician noted possible cross contamination by submitter.	Not saved for confirmatory testing

Notes

- 1) Samples of methamphetamine or crack cocaine are known to return positive fentanyl test strip results if someone has recently touched fentanyl (i.e., cross-contamination). This is also common if baggies are reused or used to store multiple drugs.
- 2) With pills that test positive for fentanyl, it is not possible to tell if the fentanyl is inside the pill or contaminating the exterior with a test strip result alone.
- 3) Drug checking results are available on drugcheckingbc.ca. Questions? Email drugchecking@bccsu.ubc.ca.