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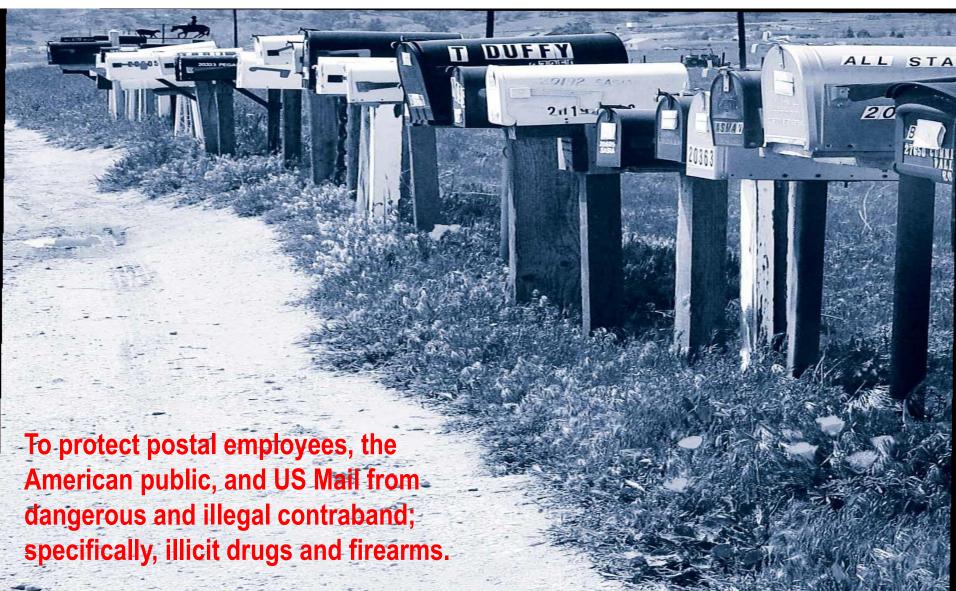
US POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE







OUR MISSION





THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

We continue to strengthen our efforts to identify mailings containing fentanyl and other synthetic opioids through continued work with law enforcement partners and enhancing our analytical capabilities to develop intelligence to share.

- ☐ 234 Open Synthetic Opioid-Related Cases
- ☐ 293 Synthetic Opioid Seizures in FY18
 - 129 Domestic
 - 164 International
- ☐ 332 Synthetic Opioid Seizures in FY19
 - 285 Domestic
 - 47 International
- ☐ Since FY2014, USPIS has seized approximately 1,046 mailings suspected of containing synthetic opioids





NATIONAL STATISTICS

US Postal Inspection Service Suspected Fentanyl/Synthetic Opioids Seizures

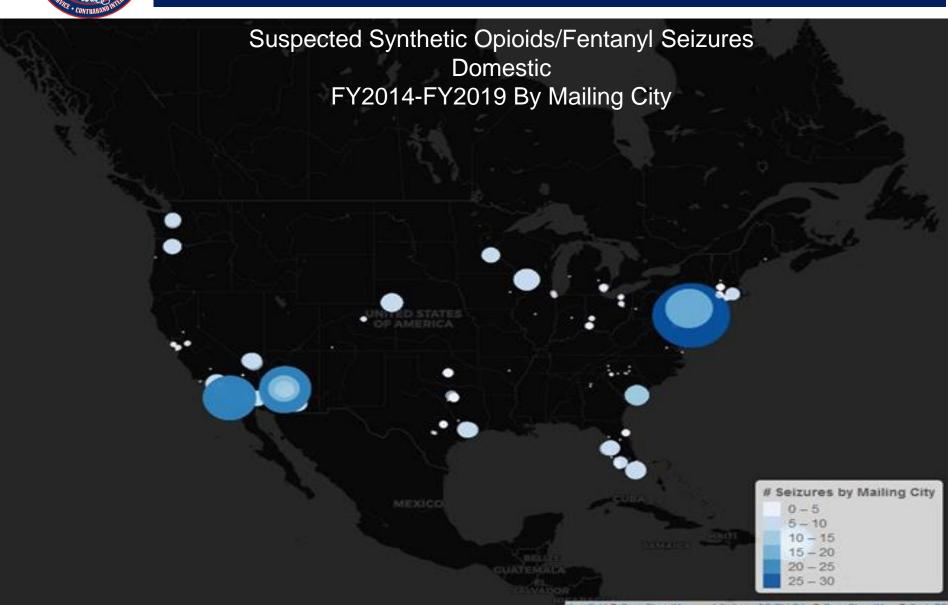
By Fiscal Year & Weight

	F	iscal Year 2	016	Fiscal Year 2017			Fiscal Year 2018			Fiscal Year 2019			Fiscal Year 2020		
Mailing Country	Seizures	Total Weight (Grams)	Total Weight (Lbs.)	Seizures	Total Weight (Grams)	Total Weight (Lbs.)									
International	24	8,590.14	19	142	82,484.85	182.9	164	57,417.21	127.57	47	7880.49	17			
United States	15	565.84	1	147	12,685.95	28	129	28,116.60	62	285	79,543.42	175	18	6,954.44	15.33
Grand Total	39	9,155.98	20	289	95,170.79	210.9	293	85,533.81	189.57	332	87,423.91	192	18	6,954.44	15

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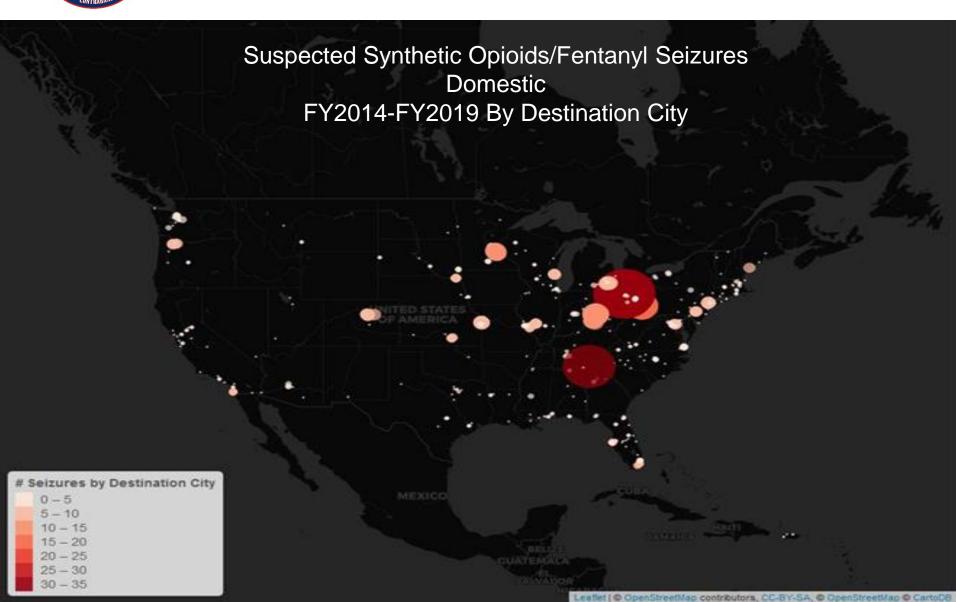


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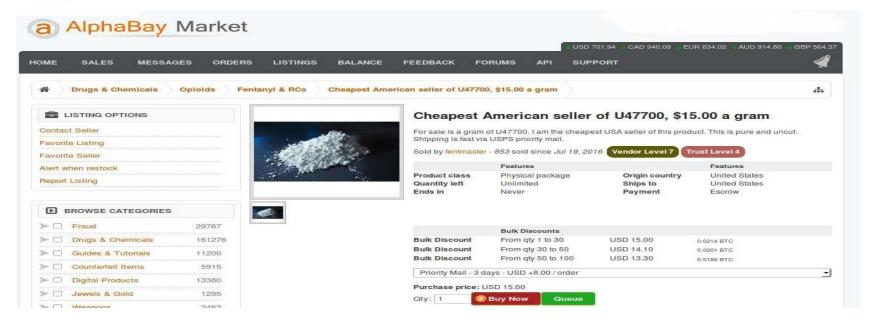


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THE DARK WEB



- Large portion of synthetic opioid sales through dark web from US vendors
- Vendors still using traditional stamps for mailings, but we have seen an increase in Bitcoins used to pay for postage
- Generally small, "personal amount" transactions
- Vendors have received larger shipments from International Mail, Express
 Consignment, border crossing and re-distribute as pressed pills, powders, blotters
- Some vendors have shipments setup directly from China
- USPS is most always the preferred shipper



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