

DRUG ALERT

TUE. SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

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A **yellow** powder believed to be **DOWN** that was linked to **fatal overdose** contained **fentanyl** and **medetomidine**.

- **Medetomidine** is a sedative/tranquilizer **only approved for use in animals**.
- **Combining opioids with sedatives increases the risk** of a complex overdose with suppression of breathing, blood pressure and heart rate.



- **Naloxone does not reverse medetomidine** sedation, but should still be given to reverse the opioid component.
- Sample was brought to Street Connections on August 2. It tested positive on strips for fentanyl and medetomidine.
- Health Canada confirmed that it contained fentanyl, medetomidine and para-fluorofentanyl.

Get your drugs checked: **Nine Circles**, Tu/W/Th, 10am-4pm, parking lot door of 705 Broadway Ave • **Street Connections**, M/W/F, 8:30am-3:30pm, 496 Hargrave St • **MOPS** drug checking temporarily unavailable