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Denver Police Department recently responded to an overdose death in which fentanyl was suspected. The pills recovered look like fentanyl M30s but are a lighter blue with small blue flakes. The recovered pills tested negative at the lab for fentanyl. The lab found the recovered pills to be N-Pyrrolidino Etonitazene (or PYRO for short). PYRO is a synthetic opioid much more potent than fentanyl and it is suspected only $\frac{1}{2}$ a pill was ingested to cause this overdose death.

According to The Center for Forensic Science Research and Education:

“N-Pyrrolidino Etonitazene (etonitazepyne) is a new high potency synthetic opioid bearing structural resemblance to etonitazene... [and] is dissimilar in structure to other synthetic opioids typically encountered in forensic casework (e.g., fentanyl) ... data suggest that this new opioid exhibits potency similar to etonitazene (~20x more potent than fentanyl).” CFSRE advises naloxone should be administered and repeated administration may be necessary.

(www.npsdiscovery.org; see additional attachment)



(Picture provided by Denver Police Department)

If you have any information regarding N-Pyrrolidino Etonitazene (PYRO) in the Denver area, please contact the Denver Police Department Narcotics Line at 720-913-6060.