

Powerful 'Gray Death' drug reported in Ohio

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP/WSAZ/WLWT) -- Authorities are issuing warnings about a new and dangerous opioid combo they're calling "Gray Death."



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- Recorded overdoses blamed on "Gray Death" in Alabama, Georgia and Ohio.
- "Gray Death" drug looks like concrete mix and varies in consistency from a hard, chunky material to a fine powder.
- Substance a combination of several opioids, including heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil -- sometimes used to tranquilize large animals like elephants -- and a synthetic opioid called U-47700.
- Reported in Cincinnati, according to NBC affiliate WLWT.
- Scioto County, OH health officials say the drug has not been reported locally yet, but drug dealers are known to come to our area from Cincinnati.
- Officials in Portsmouth tells WSAZ they are still dealing with a spike in carfentanil-laced heroin.
- Portsmouth EMS responded Wednesday to at least 13 overdoses.
- Normal doses of Narcan are not working.
- Public urged to report any local "gray death." Not only is it dangerous to ingest, but to touch.
- Caution: an overdose from "Gray Death" would likely require several doses of Narcan. Urging people to not use the drug, and if they do, to not use it alone.
- Georgia Bureau of Investigation's crime lab calls gray death one of scariest combinations seen in 20 years of doing forensic chemistry drug analysis.