McAllen Police Department

MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release
Contact: McAllen PD, Edinburg PD, Mission PD, Pharr PD, Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department

Law Enforcement Agencies Unite
to
Heed Halloween Warnings

Fentanyl is a deadly drug and its proliferation in various forms requires every safety precaution possible.

WHO: Edinburg Police Chief
Mission Police Chief
Pharr Police Chief
McAllen Police Chief
Hidalgo County Sheriff
Other Invitees

WHAT: Hidalgo County Law Enforcement Agencies Unite in Halloween Warnings

WHEN: Friday, October 28, 2022
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
WHERE: Pharr One Building
1121 E. Nolana Loop
Pharr, Texas 78577

WHY: October 31, 2022 is Halloween Night. Trick-or-treating is the activity of the day. Our streets will be filled with our KIDS in hopes of receiving treats. Trick-or-treating evolved so that entire communities could share the Halloween celebration by providing the neighborhood children with small treats.

Whereas the usual safety tips associated with this holiday will be emphasized, special attention will be focused on warnings against the most recent fentanyl threat: "rainbow fentanyl".

"Since August 2022, the <u>Drug Enforcement Administration</u> and its law enforcement partners have found brightly colored fentanyl and fentanyl pills, nicknamed "rainbow fentanyl," in 26 states. According to the DEA, "this trend appears to be a new method used by drug cartels to sell highly addictive and potentially deadly fentanyl made to look like candy to children and young people." The DEA has <u>already seized</u> more than 10.2 million fentanyl pills and 980 pounds of fentanyl powder from May through September of this year— the equivalent of 36 million lethal doses. And that was before "rainbow fentanyl" hit the market." (Newhouse, D., Washington Examiner, October 25, 2022)

It is the sentiment and concern of the law enforcement officials above listed that the "Fentanyl threat requires a collective community effort to ensure that trick-or-treating remains safe Halloween activity".

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