

## FENTANYL BREAK WAS FROM AN OD VICTIM

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She **was** found in a car, slumped over with a syringe still in her arm. She had overdosed on heroin mixed with a powerful painkiller believed responsible for dozens of deaths in metro Detroit in recent months.

But she survived.

The woman, whose name and age have not been released, is being credited with helping authorities after she **was** found last month.

That help eventually lead to the arrest of a 45-year-old man whom Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans characterized Friday as a major drug dealer. Evans said the man supplied public housing projects with packets of heroin mixed with **fentanyl**.

"That encounter led us to several other arrests of persons with heroin, guns and **fentanyl**," Evans said.

Sheriff's deputies arrested Daren Reese on Thursday. They said he **was** carrying 80 packets of the drug combination known on the streets as "Magic" or "A-1."

Evans said Reese, who is expected to be arraigned today on charges of drug possession with intent to distribute, sold to many suburban customers at the Jeffries projects.

"The majority of the buyers that we were able to identify **from** license plates observed at the Jeffries location were suburbanites coming into the city because the Lodge allows for easy access," Evans said.

**An** unidentified Detroit man, who authorities say sold heroin and **fentanyl** to **an** undercover officer, also **was** arrested Thursday.

Evans said there have been five arrests so far in the joint investigation the sheriff's department is conducting with the Michigan State Police, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said there have been about 130 **fentanyl**-related deaths in Wayne County since 2005.

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