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#### Search Warrant Nets Large Amount of Fentanyl Pills

ATHENS, TENNESSEE- February 21, 2023- The City of Athens Police Department has announced the recovery of a large amount of fentanyl pills. Corporal Parson, with the Athens City Police Department, responded to the Days Inn hotel, room 126, in reference to a breach of trust incident. Upon arrival, Corporal Parson made contact with a female who was in possession of the vehicle in question. While speaking with her in front of the hotel room door, Corporal Parson detected the odor of Marijuana coming from the room. The female admitted that a small amount of Marijuana was inside the room. Corporal Parson and Detective Roberts secured a Search Warrant for the hotel room, and after a diligent search, Officers recovered well over 1,000 Fentanyl Pills (M Box 30s), 64 grams of Methamphetamine, various drug paraphernalia, and suspected Marijuana.

Since January 2023, Officers with the Athens Police Department have seized over twenty thousand dollars' (street value) worth of Fentanyl Pills. **Fentanyl** is a man-made opioid that is 50-100 times stronger than heroin and morphine, because it is so strong and so addictive. It's being added to heroin, fake prescription pills, even stimulants like cocaine and methamphetamine. The result is huge increases in overdoses, and sadly, more Tennesseans than ever are dying. These deaths are preventable with knowledge and tools.

"I am proud of Corporal Parson and Detective Roberts for being vigilant and combating this dangerous drug epidemic the United States and City of Athens are currently facing. The streets of Athens are a little safer now with this large number of dangerous narcotics taken off the streets, and a dealer behind bars, stated Lieutenant Witt.

For more information, please contact Chief Fred Schultz of the Athens Police Department at 423-744-2730.

For more information on the dangers of Fentanyl please visit the link below.

TN.GOV Facts about Fentanyl webpage- [TDMHSAS Fentanyl Onepager \(tn.gov\)](#)

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