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Update on Recent Overdose-Related Incidents

Kings Mountain, NC – In recent days, the Kings Mountain Police Department (KMPD) has been actively investigating three overdose-related incidents believed to be potentially connected to fentanyl. These cases come amid an increase in fentanyl-related deaths, as reported by the Cleveland County Medical Examiner's Office, affecting both Cleveland and Gaston counties.

In response to this, KMPD has partnered with neighboring agencies to coordinate a unified approach to combating illegal narcotics. This collaboration includes the development of enhanced investigative strategies and the deployment of additional resources aimed at addressing and reducing the presence of fentanyl and other illicit drugs in our community.

To further strengthen efforts, KMPD is increasing the number of patrol units focused on narcotics enforcement in order to protect our residents and prevent further harm.

The Kings Mountain Police Department urges anyone with information related to these incidents or ongoing drug activity to come forward. Individuals may contact KMPD directly at **704-734-0444**. To remain anonymous, tips can be submitted through the **Cleveland County Crime Stoppers P3 app**, or by calling **704-481-TIPS (8477)**. Additionally, a QR code is provided below to direct users to the P3 tips website for convenient and secure reporting.



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