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Gray Death.....Heroin/Fentanyl/Carfentanil/U-47700

By Walter Perez
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BETHLEHEM, Pa. –

Authorities and doctors are sounding the alarm over Gray Death, a drug that is so powerful, it can kill with just one dose. In fact, ingesting just a single grain can be fatal. It's called Gray Death because of its color, and what will likely happen if you take it. The drug has hit the U.S. opioid scene, and the arrest of 31-year-old Jennifer Martinez, of Pennsylvania, earlier this week marks what is believed to be the first reported case in the state.

Dr. Kenneth Katz, a medical toxicologist at Lehigh Valley Hospital, said Gray Death is poised to take the country's raging opioid crisis to a new level. But Dr. Katz says this is only the beginning, because while it may seem counter-intuitive, it will likely become more popular as more users find out about it.

Officials point out that the ingredient carfentanil is 10,000

times more potent than morphine. "People know this, people that sell it and manufacture it know this, and they simply lead the carrot in front of the horse," Katz said.

"I think the mortality from this will be exceedingly high," Katz said. "My personal opinion is I'm not sure people will even get to pre-hospital care." He said it is widely believed that a single dose of the opioid antidote commonly known by the brand name Narcan will have little to no effect. That's because the basic ingredients for Gray Death are heroin, a synthetic opioid, fentanyl and carfentanil, which is used as a tranquilizer for elephants. It's a combination so dangerous that you can absorb a potentially deadly dose simply by touching it for too long.

Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli said it's just one more thing for which authorities must be concerned. "There's a lot of pessimism in the law enforcement community because we go out and arrest folks and there's still a demand for these drugs and the supply continues," he said.

Meanwhile, Martinez is accused of selling Gray Death with three children, between the ages of 3 and 9, who were inside her home at the time. So along with the drug charges, she's also accused of endangering the welfare of children.

This drug is also being blamed for deaths in Alabama, Georgia and Ohio, the Associated Press reports. The combination includes heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil and a synthetic opioid called U-47700.

"Gray death is one of the scariest combinations that I have ever seen in nearly 20 years of forensic chemistry drug analysis," said Deneen Kilcrease, manager of chemistry section of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Kilcrease said people using the drug are not aware of its ingredients or their concentrations. Simply touching the powder can put a person at risk, she added.

Gray death looks like concrete mix. It varies in consistency from a hard, chunky material to a fine powder. It is much more potent than heroin, it's used by injecting, swallowing, smoking or snorting. **Unfortunately, this drug is making it into Michigan as we go to print!**

Special Events/Seminars/Workshops

<p>Empowerment Professionals PC</p> <p>Now Serving</p> <p>Oakland & Genesee Counties</p> <p>Psychotherapy</p> <p>Life Coaching</p> <p>Seminars!</p>	<p>SEMINARS COMING SOON!</p> <p>Summer / Fall 2017</p> <p>Starting a Private Practice</p> <p>HIPAA</p> <p>HEROIN EPIDEMIC</p>	<p>NAMI Metro July 30, 2017</p> <p>12th Annual Skins & Pins Charity Golf Outing & Brunch</p> <p>Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. Brunch Only, \$30</p> <p>Adults & \$15 for Children</p>
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Empowerment Professionals/Delta SDH A New Community Outreach

As we celebrate our 15th year we celebrate the community outreach we have been able to offer in addition to psychotherapy and life coaching.

2003 Founded Oakland County Private Practice Network and Support (OCP PNS) group.

NASW Lobby Day—lobbied Social Work Licensure.

2004 Beverly self published Solo Private Practice: A step by step guide to opening a private practice.

Social Work Supervision

2006 Empowerment Professionals offers first continuing education seminars certified by Social Work Collaborative.

Psychotherapy and Other Supports

Empowerment Professionals now serving Oakland and Genesee Counties!

Psychotherapy

Appointments Are Confidential Individual therapy helps one gain insight into the cause of problems and seek positive alternatives. Couples counseling provides an area where two people can learn to communicate individual needs and negotiate a healthy partnership. Family counseling will help family members gain an under-

standing of disruptive problems, improve communication skills and provide new ways to reach solutions that lead to greater family harmony. Therapeutic supports are available for adolescents and adults.

2009 Empowerment receives Association of Social Work Board (ASWB) Certification for Continuing Education Seminars.

Dr. Larry Gant PhD hired to provide clinical work.

2010 MCBAP certified seminar offered in conjunction with social work certified seminars.

2015 Introduced Private Practice Incubator Program.

Additional outreach included: Oakland County Council for the Mentally Ill (OCAP), Royal Com-

unity Coalition (ROCC), Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Committee, and NAMI Mero Board of Directors. Our annual Mickey's Christmas was a benefit that supported various charities in Royal Oak.

As we spin off Delta SDH and they move forward in Royal Oak BJ will be working with them to develop an appropriate community outreach to enhance the work and change they expect to effect within the community. In the meantime we would love to hear from those within the community about what Delta SDH might do to support a safe and healthy community.

Beverly (BJ) will be presenting at Business Women's Network (BWN) Luncheon July 19, 2017.

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Oakland County Private Practice Network and Support (OCP PNS) is a vibrant group interested in supporting each other with group or one-on-one discussion directed to the various aspects of private practice.

Dr. Larry Gant is currently work-

Private Practice Start Up - Seminars— Special Events

Private Practice Start Up

Watch our website for details or call BJ at (810) 771-7732. Our "How To Start Your Own Private Practice" workshop is offered twice a year and includes a free copy of our book "Solo Private Practice." We currently offer an incubator program for those in early start up. One-on-one consultant services are also available on request.

As new programs are developed we will notify you.....

Seminar Announcements

Reach For The Stars!, provider #1190, a division of Empowerment Professionals PC, will no longer offer ASWB Workshops Or seminars after June 1, 2016. Our new offerings include MCBAP certified seminars for substance abuse professionals, related and specific, along with on-site training. Please see our contact-us page at: empowerment-pro.net

We are currently seeking pre-

senters for 2017-18 seminars. Please send a resume to: empowermentpro@empowerment-pro.net

Celebrating 15 Years!!

We would like to thank those that attended our May 17th meeting at the Burton Chamber and May 18th Open House at office in Grand Blanc, Michigan. **BJ will be presenting on Women's Leadership Roles at Business Women's Network (BWN) in Royal Oak July 19, 2017.**

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Substance Abuse Support Heroin Addiction

Some places to turn to if you or someone you know needs help with a heroin addiction and treatment.

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■ In Oakland County, Prior Authorization and Central Evaluation: (248) 858-5200.

■ Macomb County 24-hour crisis hotline: (586) 307-9100.

■ Macomb County substance abuse helpline: (586) 541-2273.

■ Narcotics Anonymous in Michigan: call (877) 338-1188, www.michigan-na.org

Emergency Services

Common Ground Crisis Line
Oakland (800) 231-1127. / Genesee (810) 257-3740

Support

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Therapy and Support

Individual • Family • Couples
Clinical Counseling reflects classic systems approach, use of DSM-5, supportive short term therapy, motivational interviewing, integrative health and wellness approaches with appropriate intake and referral as needed.

Career Counseling And Consultation

Beverly provides career and business counseling. She worked several years as an image consultant along with personal development workshops that included resume writing and career development.



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COMING SOON!

Summer & Fall Seminars

Starting a Private Practice

HIPAA

Power Packed Symposium on the Opiate Epidemic

Target Audience: Social Workers and all mental health providers, medical, clergy, educators, law enforcement, substance abuse treatment professionals and coalition members. Seminars are best suited for intermediate and advanced level professionals.

Registration: To be announced soon! Currently seeking presenters for fall symposium on the Heroin Epidemic. Watch empowerment-pro.net for new offerings and deadlines for registration.



REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

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SEMINAR REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Registration Information: empowerment-pro.net (Contact Us Page) Link to seminar brochures.

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Email: empowermentpro@ameritech.net. (Request brochures and Information)

Payment Options: Cash (please do not send cash in the mail); Check (business, personal, cashier or money order, made out to Empowerment Professionals PC, for those [Early Bird Special Deadlines](#) and [Regular Deadlines](#). There are upcharges applied after the dates listed, with no exceptions in order to be fair to all registering. There is a PayPal feature set up website "contact us" page for those wishing to pay with credit cards. Those using PayPal must download brochure and fax to (810) 422-5813 at the time of payment. Payment and registration forms are required in order to process certificate of attendance and other materials prior to the day of seminar/symposium. [If this process is not complete by regular deadlines certificate will not be available the day of seminar and will be emailed within 15 days of the event. On rare occasions payment deadlines are extended and due in 10 days following event, but certificate is not awarded until financials are in order. Any non-payment left past 90 days is subject to reporting to MCBAP with possible forfeiture of certification. Future registration at our events will be forfeited.](#)

Food: All meals and snacks are *on your own* unless otherwise specified. Please read each brochure carefully to determine if bonus offerings of coffee at sign-in or a lunch are offered. We will do our best to meet your dietary needs if you notify us a minimum of 1 week ahead of time. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee meeting all dietary needs so please inquire ahead of time to make sure personal arrangements can be made if you still plan to attend.

Fee Includes: Presentations, materials, and free parking (most locations), and MCBAP where applicable.

American Disability Act (ADA): We will accommodate ADA individuals as long as we have notification three weeks prior to seminar/workshop. Any request received after stated date will be honored whenever possible. Please notify us at (810) 771-7732.

For Your Comfort: It is recommended that you dress in layers to accommodate the fluctuation of classroom temperatures.

Confirmations: We do not confirm your registrations, but you may call our office to check the status at any time.

Directions: Directions to off site seminars may be found on our website at the "contact us" page or by using Google Yellow Pages & Map Quest options.....Waze etc.

Workshops: Brief one to two hour intensive educational sessions focused on imparting knowledge, skills and techniques in a particular field may be offered from time to time.

Mini-seminars: Four hours or less intensive, skill-based programs designed to impart in-depth interventions or skill set relevant to a particular area of social work and/or substance abuse treatments.

Full Day Seminars: Five to six hour session courses designed to provide expertise in various aspects of social work and substance abuse treatment program.

Continuing Education: Please Note: Reach For The Stars!, provider #1190, *will no longer offer ASWB Workshops/Seminars after June 1, 2016.* This outreach now has a new format. We will be offering Onsite In-Service Trainings. Organizations may provide their own Social Work Clock Hours or request this service from us. Trainings and workshops will continue to be certified for MCBAP Substance Abuse Workshops upon request.

Continuing Education Contact Hours, and MCBAP, will only be awarded if full payment has been received from vendor staff or a stipulation has been written into contract that allows for reduced fee or free participation. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to program, and allow time at end of day for sign-out and receipt of your certificate. Completed evaluations are required at sign-out.

Cancellation Policy: Participants who cancel their full day seminar registration at **least one week (seven days)** before the start of the session will receive a credit or refund minus a \$30.00 processing fee. Written cancellation request may be faxed to (810) 422-5813, please allow up to 6 weeks for cash refunds. Seminar credit is valid for one calendar year. **No refunds will be given for cancellation received less than one week before the start of the seminar.** We reserve the right to cancel any workshop, in which case participants will receive a full credit or refund that equals fee paid.

Grievances: Grievances in regard to seminar offerings may be addressed by sending a letter to Beverly at: *Reach For The Stars!*, Empowerment Professionals PC, 8445 S. Saginaw St., Ste 103, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439

Thank You For Your Continued Interest and Participation in Our Educational Offerings!

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