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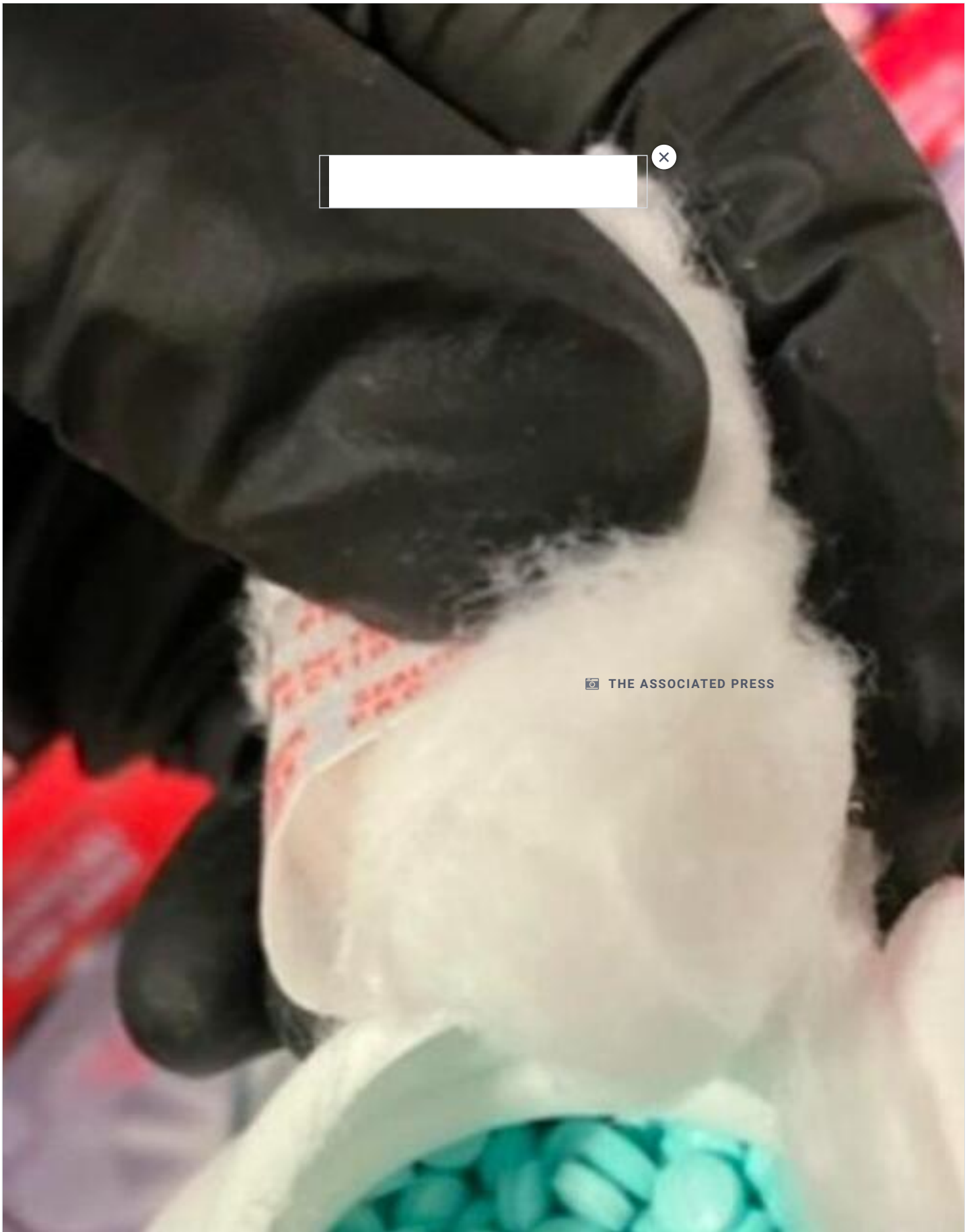
## Cops: 500,000 Fentanyl Pills Found in Arizona Traffic Stop

Arizona police say two women were arrested after about 500,000 fentanyl pills were found in an SUV pulled over for speeding.

By [Associated Press](#)

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U.S. overdose deaths have risen most years for more than two decades. The increase began in the 1990s with overdoses involving opioid painkillers, followed by waves of deaths led by other opioids like heroin and – most recently – illicit fentanyl.

Last year, overdoses involving fentanyl and other synthetic opioids surpassed 71,000, up 23% from the year before. There also was a 23% increase in deaths involving cocaine and a 34% increase in deaths involving meth and other

Over a two-month period in Arizona late last year, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration working with Arizona law enforcement agencies made seizures of more than 3 million fentanyl pills, 45 kilograms (99 pounds) of fentanyl powder and 35 firearms. Forty people were arrested.

In the Arizona traffic stop, Martha Lopez, 31, and Tania Luna Solis, 30, were arrested on suspicion of crimes including possession of a narcotic drug for sale, according to police.

Court records didn't list attorneys who could comment on behalf of the women, who are from Phoenix.

Two children in the vehicle were turned over to state child protection officials, police said.

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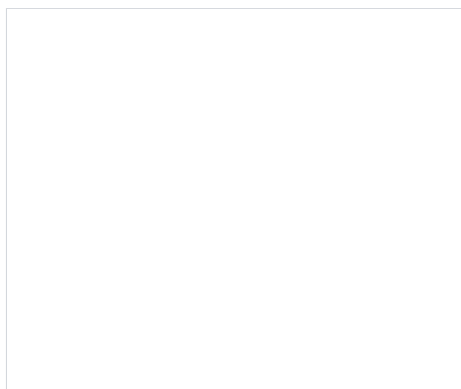


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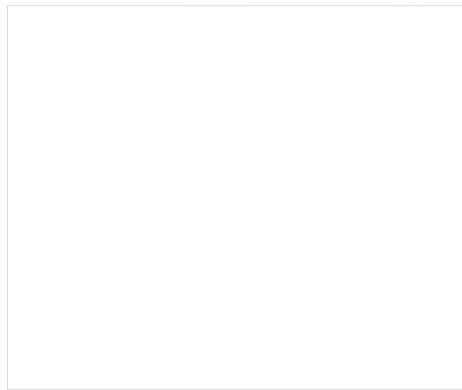
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