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ABC30/KFSN-TV EXAMINES THE FENTANYL OPIOID CRISIS IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA IN THE UPCOMING DOCUMENTARY 'KILLER HIGH: THE SILENT CRISIS,' SET TO PREMIERE ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 19, ACROSS ABC30'S CONNECTED TV APPS AND ON-AIR ON ABC30, SATURDAY, SEPT. 25 (10:00 P.M. PDT)



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ABC30 releases an hourlong documentary **"Killer High: The Silent Crisis,"** examining Central California's fentanyl epidemic impacting youth. The documentary will be available to stream on **Sunday, Sept. 19,** across ABC30's connected TV Apps, and across linear on channel ABC30/KFSN-TV on Saturday, Sept. 25 (10:00 p.m. PDT), with additional air times* across ABC-owned stations' ABC7/KGO-TV San Francisco, ABC7/KABC-TV Los Angeles, FX and National Geographic.

In 2015, 9,580 people died from a fentanyl overdose in the United States. In 2019, that number increased nearly 280% to 36,359. Out of those deaths, 3,040 were people aged 15-24 years old.

"Killer High" follows the lives of families affected by fentanyl overdose and their journey to recovery while providing awareness to parents and the community about the dangers of accessibility of the drug to youth. The documentary highlights the following:

- What is Fentanyl, and How Did My Kids Get It? Exclusive interviews with Homeland Security, Drug Enforcement Administration agents, and local police and medical experts, explaining the general background of fentanyl, how it's produced and how it makes its way to youth. The segment documents an exclusive ride-along with Homeland Security as they arrest a known fentanyl dealer.
- The Faces of Fentanyl The documentary follows the lives of two families impacted by fentanyl overdoses. Amy, a nurse and single mom of three boys, struggles to give her kids a normal life while dealing with her oldest son, a recovering opioid addict. She discusses her son's journey toward addiction and the time he overdosed twice within 24 hours. Penny is a mom of two kids whose oldest son died of a fentanyl overdose. She explains the warning signs every parent should look for and her family's vow to keep her son's memory alive.
- **The Road to Recovery** A spotlight on the work of local agencies, task forces and school districts who work diligently to prevent youth from encountering drugs, expanding their hope for the future.

"Killer High: The Silent Crisis" premieres Sunday, Sept. 19, on ABC30's free news app, "ABC30 Central CA," and on streaming platforms Amazon Fire TV, Android TV, Apple TV and Roku.

*Additional times are set to air on Sept. 25 on ABC-owned stations' ABC7/KGO-TV San Francisco (9:00 p.m. PDT) and ABC7/KABC-TV Los Angeles (9:00 p.m. PDT), with a special airing on FX on Sept. 26 (7:00 a.m. PDT), and National Geographic on Nov. 10 (11:00 p.m. EDT and 11:00 p.m. PDT).

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