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**Demo Report**

**Report Issued** 04/02/2020 12:06

**Patient Name** 8041B-POS  
**Patient ID** 8041B-POS  
**Chain** 20000771  
**Age Not Given** **DOB** Not Given  
**Gender** Not Given  
**Workorder** 20000771

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**Positive Findings:**

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Matrix Source</u>
Ethanol	85	mg/dL	001 - Blood
Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)	0.085	g/100 mL	001 - Blood
Alprazolam	50	ng/mL	001 - Blood
Cocaine	50	ng/mL	001 - Blood
Delta-9 THC	50	ng/mL	001 - Blood
Fentanyl	5.0	ng/mL	001 - Blood

See Detailed Findings section for additional information

**Testing Requested:**

<u>Analysis Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
8041B	Postmortem, Basic w/Vitreous Alcohol Confirmation, Blood (Forensic)

**Specimens Received:**

<u>ID</u>	<u>Tube/Container</u>	<u>Volume/ Mass</u>	<u>Collection Date/Time</u>	<u>Matrix Source</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Information</u>
001	Clear vial	Not Given	Not Given	Blood	

All sample volumes/weights are approximations.  
Specimens received on 03/31/2020.

**Detailed Findings:**

Analysis and Comments	Result	Units	Rpt. Limit	Specimen Source	Analysis By
Ethanol	85	mg/dL	10	001 - Blood	Headspace GC
Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)	0.085	g/100 mL	0.010	001 - Blood	Headspace GC
Alprazolam	50	ng/mL	5.0	001 - Blood	LC-MS/MS
Cocaine	50	ng/mL	20	001 - Blood	GC/MS
Delta-9 THC	50	ng/mL	0.50	001 - Blood	LC-MS/MS
Ethanol	Confirmed	mg/dL	10	001 - Blood	Headspace GC
Fentanyl	5.0	ng/mL	0.10	001 - Blood	LC-MS/MS

**Other than the above findings, examination of the specimen(s) submitted did not reveal any positive findings of toxicological significance by procedures outlined in the accompanying Analysis Summary.**

**Reference Comments:**

1. Alprazolam (Xanax®) - Blood:

Alprazolam is a DEA Schedule IV second-generation benzodiazepine, which is effective at very low doses. It shares the actions of other benzodiazepines in the management of anxiety disorders and short-term relief of anxiety associated with depressive symptoms. Alpha-hydroxyalprazolam is an active metabolite of alprazolam. Common CNS-depressant side effects of alprazolam include drowsiness and fatigue. For anxiety, daily doses of 0.8 to 4 mg are effective whereas for phobic and panic disorders, 6 to 9 mg daily is recommended.

Reported therapeutic plasma concentrations of alprazolam are proportional to dose given: 3 mg/day produced steady-state levels of 30 ng/mL; 6 mg/day, 60 ng/mL; and 9 mg/day, 100 ng/mL.

In reported cases involving driving under the influence, alprazolam concentrations ranged from 8 - 640 ng/mL. Alcohol greatly enhances the activity of benzodiazepines.

Reported blood concentrations of alprazolam in alprazolam-related fatalities ranged from 100 - 400 ng/mL (mean, 200 ng/mL). In combination with other central nervous system depressants such as ethyl alcohol, alprazolam can become toxic at low concentrations.

2. Cocaine - Blood:

Cocaine is a DEA Schedule II controlled central nervous stimulant drug. Effects following cocaine use can include euphoria, excitement, restlessness, risk taking, sleep disturbance, and aggression. A period of mental and physical fatigue and somnolence follow the use of cocaine after the excitant-stimulant effects wear off. Cocaine is metabolized to the inactive compounds benzoylecgonine, ecgonine methyl ester, and ecgonine. Benzoylecgonine and ecgonine methyl ester can form from cocaine breakdown after death and even after sample collection. The average blood cocaine concentration in 906 impaired drivers was 87 ng/mL (range 5 - 2390 ng/mL). Blood cocaine concentrations in patients admitted to an emergency room for cocaine related medical complaints were 260 ng/mL (SD = 500 ng/mL). Cocaine concentrations in plasma following oral administration of 2 g/day over 6 days, averaged 1260 ng/mL. The average blood cocaine concentration in 37 cocaine related fatalities was 4600 ng/mL (range 40 - 31000 ng/mL).

3. Delta-9 THC (Active Ingredient of Marijuana) - Blood:

Marijuana is a DEA Schedule I hallucinogen. Pharmacologically, it has depressant and reality distorting effects. Collectively, the chemical compounds that comprise marijuana are known as Cannabinoids.

Delta-9-THC is the principle psychoactive ingredient of marijuana/hashish. It rapidly leaves the blood, even during smoking, falling to below detectable levels within several hours. Delta-9-carboxy-THC (THCC) is the inactive metabolite of THC and may be detected for up to one day or more in blood. Both delta-9-THC and THCC may be present substantially longer in chronic users.

THC concentrations in blood are usually about one-half of serum/plasma concentrations. Usual peak levels in serum for 1.75% or 3.55% THC marijuana cigarettes: 50 - 270 ng/mL at 6 to 9 minutes after beginning smoking, decreasing to less than 5 ng/mL by 2 hrs.

**Reference Comments:**

4. Ethanol (Ethyl Alcohol) - Blood:

Ethyl alcohol (ethanol, drinking alcohol) is a central nervous system depressant and can cause effects such as impaired judgment, reduced alertness and impaired muscular coordination. Ethanol can also be a product of decomposition or degradation of biological samples. The blood alcohol concentrations (BAC) can be expressed as a whole number with the units of mg/dL or as a decimal number with units of g/100 mL which is equivalent to % w/v. For example, a BAC of 85 mg/dL equals 0.085 g/100 mL or 0.085% w/v of ethanol.

5. Fentanyl (Duragesic®; Sublimaze®) - Blood:

Fentanyl is a DEA Schedule II synthetic morphine substitute anesthetic/analgesic. It is reported to be 80 to 200 times as potent as morphine and has a rapid onset of action as well as addictive properties.

It is reported that patients lost consciousness at mean plasma levels of fentanyl of 34 ng/mL when infused with 75 mcg/Kg over a 15 min period; peak plasma levels averaged 50 ng/mL.

After application of a fentanyl transdermal preparation (patch), serum fentanyl concentrations are reported to be in the following ranges within 24 hours:

- 25 mcg/hour patch: 0.3 - 1.2 ng/mL
- 50 mcg/hour patch: 0.6 - 1.8 ng/mL
- 75 mcg/hour patch: 1.1 - 2.6 ng/mL
- 100 mcg/hour patch: 1.9 - 3.8 ng/mL

Following removal of the patch, serum fentanyl concentrations are reported to decrease with a mean elimination half-life of 17 hours (range, 13 to 22 hours).

The mean peak plasma serum fentanyl concentration in adults given an 800 mcg oral transmucosal fentanyl preparation over 15 minutes is reported at 2.1 ng/mL (range, 1.4 - 3.0 ng/mL) at approximately 0.4 hours.

Signs associated with fentanyl toxicity include severe respiratory depression, seizures, hypotension, coma and death. In fatalities from fentanyl, blood concentrations are variable and have been reported as low as 3 ng/mL.

Substance(s) known to interfere with the identity and/or quantity of the reported result: 4-methylphenethyl acetyl fentanyl

**Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:**

All of the following tests were performed for this case. For each test, the compounds listed were included in the scope. The Reporting Limit listed for each compound represents the lowest concentration of the compound that will be reported as being positive. If the compound is listed as None Detected, it is not present above the Reporting Limit. Please refer to the Positive Findings section of the report for those compounds that were identified as being present.

**Acode 50012B - Benzodiazepines Confirmation, Blood**

-Analysis by High Performance Liquid Chromatography/ Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) for:

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
7-Amino Clonazepam	5.0 ng/mL	Flurazepam	2.0 ng/mL
Alpha-Hydroxyalprazolam	5.0 ng/mL	Hydroxyethylflurazepam	5.0 ng/mL
Alprazolam	5.0 ng/mL	Hydroxytriazolam	5.0 ng/mL
Chlordiazepoxide	20 ng/mL	Lorazepam	5.0 ng/mL
Clobazam	20 ng/mL	Midazolam	5.0 ng/mL
Clonazepam	2.0 ng/mL	Nordiazepam	20 ng/mL
Desalkylflurazepam	5.0 ng/mL	Oxazepam	20 ng/mL
Diazepam	20 ng/mL	Temazepam	20 ng/mL
Estazolam	5.0 ng/mL	Triazolam	2.0 ng/mL

**Acode 50014B - Cocaine and Metabolites Confirmation, Blood**

-Analysis by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) for:



**Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:**

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
Benzoylcegonine	50 ng/mL	Cocaine	20 ng/mL
Cocaethylene	20 ng/mL		

Acode 52198B - Cannabinoids Confirmation, Blood

-Analysis by High Performance Liquid Chromatography/ Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) for:

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
11-Hydroxy Delta-9 THC	1.0 ng/mL	Delta-9 THC	0.50 ng/mL
Delta-9 Carboxy THC	5.0 ng/mL		

Acode 52248B - Alcohols and Acetone Confirmation, Blood

-Analysis by Headspace Gas Chromatography (GC) for:

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
Acetone	5.0 mg/dL	Isopropanol	5.0 mg/dL
Ethanol	10 mg/dL	Methanol	5.0 mg/dL

Acode 52484B - Fentanyl and Acetyl Fentanyl Confirmation, Blood

-Analysis by High Performance Liquid Chromatography/ Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) for:

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
Acetyl Fentanyl	0.10 ng/mL	Norfentanyl	0.20 ng/mL
Fentanyl	0.10 ng/mL		

Acode 8041B - Postmortem, Basic w/Vitreous Alcohol Confirmation, Blood (Forensic)

-Analysis by Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) for:

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
Amphetamines	20 ng/mL	Fentanyl / Acetyl Fentanyl	0.50 ng/mL
Barbiturates	0.040 mcg/mL	Methadone / Metabolite	25 ng/mL
Benzodiazepines	100 ng/mL	Methamphetamine / MDMA	20 ng/mL
Buprenorphine / Metabolite	0.50 ng/mL	Opiates	20 ng/mL
Cannabinoids	10 ng/mL	Oxycodone / Oxymorphone	10 ng/mL
Cocaine / Metabolites	20 ng/mL	Phencyclidine	10 ng/mL

-Analysis by Headspace Gas Chromatography (GC) for:

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>	<u>Compound</u>	<u>Rpt. Limit</u>
Acetone	5.0 mg/dL	Isopropanol	5.0 mg/dL
Ethanol	10 mg/dL	Methanol	5.0 mg/dL