



# CUSTOMS & QUARANTINE AGENCY, GUAM

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## **Guam Customs Reports Illegal Drug Seizure Amounts from January 2023 to Date**

BARRIGADA, Guam – Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA) officers, federal task force members, and detector dogs remain steadfast in their efforts to detect and intercept illegal drugs at our borders and ports of entry daily.

In sharing our commitment to keeping any more of these unwelcome substances from further afflicting our community, our agency reports the following amounts of illegal drugs seized during 2023 and 2024, to date:

Type of Drug	2023		2024	
	Gross Grams	Pounds	Gross Grams	Pounds
Fentanyl	<b>*8.5</b>	<b>*0.02</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>
Methamphetamine	<b>22,388</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>25,250</b>	<b>55.7</b>
Cocaine	<b>37,390</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Ecstasy	<b>18.6</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>0.02</b>
Marijuana/Derivatives	<b>31,158.5</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>136,148.7</b>	<b>300.2</b>
Other	<b>311.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>124.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>

\*Quantity of suspected illegal fentanyl pending further analysis.

\*\*Amounts, pending analysis, to reflect the 119 tablets suspected to contain illegal fentanyl stated below.

Additional seizures made in 2024 include an assortment of 119 tablets suspected to contain illegal fentanyl and 4,000 marijuana cigarettes.

These seizures represent a total of 63 cases in 2023 and 54 cases in 2024, thus far. The necessary investigations are ongoing by local and federal authorities.

“With fentanyl having made landfall in Guam and claiming the lives of our citizens, our officers maintain heightened vigilance and are postured to respond accordingly,” said CQA Director Ike Peredo. “We want to assure our community we have executed our charge to interdict illegal drugs even more aggressively since our officers first intercepted 79.4 gross grams of suspected illegal fentanyl in March 2022.”

“Our officers and dedicated staff will continue to stand by this commitment to protect the people of Guam within the operational means of the agency,” Peredo continued. “We cannot stress enough

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how serious it is to locate and remove these drugs from our island to prevent greater devastation in the lives of our neighbors and loved ones. We call on those, who are aware of the smuggling or movement of drugs and other contraband through our island, to report their findings by calling our 24-hour dispatch at (671) 642-8071/2. Join us in making Guam a safer place for all of us.”

CQA officers screen passengers, cargo, and conveyances at Guam's borders and ports of entry to interdict drugs, contraband, criminals, communicable diseases, and biosecurity threats in their facilitation of legitimate trade, commerce, and travel.

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