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New drug has already killed 2 people in NJ

Synthetic opioid is more dangerous than fentanyl

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A new synthetic opioid that is more dangerous than fentanyl and is linked to two deaths in New Jersey has caused growing concern among health experts. The opioid, called cychlorphine, has a potency approximately 10 times greater than fentanyl, said Alex Krotulski, director at the Center for Forensic Science Research and Education (CFSRE).

Since its first report by the Drug Enforcement Administration in 2024, the CFSRE has seen cychlor-

phine circulate in approximately 20 states, Krotulski said. This includes New Jersey, where two fatal overdoses associated with cychlorphine occurred, he said. The locations of where those fatalities occurred was not provided.

But Krotulski said that cychlorphine may be circulating in more states. “(It) doesn’t mean that (cychlorphine’s) not in other states,” Krotulski said. “We just may not have gotten samples from those states that have been positive yet. So it really is in all regions of the country.”

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Beware the ghosts of Drumthwacket



Gov. Mikie Sherrill, shown with her husband, Jason Hedberg, has moved into the governor’s mansion with her family. YANNICK PETERHANS/NORTHJERSEY.COM

Governor says she’s ‘thrilled’ to move into mansion

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Gov. Mikie Sherrill declared this month that she was “thrilled” to have finally moved her family into Drumthwacket, the governor’s mansion in Princeton. That’s understandable. It’s not every day that you get a chance to live property-tax-free in New Jersey. The 18-room Greek Revival mansion is bounded by stately Ionic columns, stretches into a wooded glade and is tucked safely behind a gated fence, guarded 24-7 by the State Police. See STILE, Page 6A



Drumthwacket, the governor’s mansion in New Jersey, has been a political house of pain for some of its occupants. ASBURY PARK PRESS

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Judge: NJ AG does not belong in this lawsuit

Toms River mayor filed a suit against Ocean County prosecutor

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TOMS RIVER – A Mercer County Superior Court judge has dismissed claims against the state Attorney General’s office in a lawsuit filed by Mayor Daniel Rodrick against Ocean County Prosecutor Bradley Billhimer.

Superior Court Judge Robert Lougy also granted a motion filed by the prosecutor’s office to transfer the case to Ocean County. It was initially filed in Mercer County, but the judge noted that the law states that venue in “actions not affecting real property which are brought by or against municipal corporations, counties, public agencies or officials” is properly laid “in the county in which the cause of action arose.”

Rodrick sued the prosecutor’s office and Billhimer in June, claiming Billhimer and First Assistant Prosecutor Michael T. Nolan Jr. have refused to allow Toms River Business Administrator Jonathan Salonis access

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NJ removes over 5,000 from voter rolls after error let noncitizens vote

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More than 5,000 individuals have been removed from New Jersey voter rolls as the Sherrill administration works to correct a software flaw that registered thousands of non-U.S. citizens to vote in the state in 2023 and 2024.

Gov. Mikie Sherrill announced on July 21 that as many as 6,600 non-U.S. citizens registered to vote in New Jersey in 2023 and 2024, years before she took office, as a result of a software error. Sherrill said non-citizens involved had answered “no” while applying for their driver’s licenses and identification cards with the Motor Vehicle Commission but were registered to vote anyway.

Since then, Sherrill said, her administration has “moved swiftly” to review records and identify affect-

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