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Sheriff Gamble Warns of Fentanyl Problem

Talbot County Sheriff Joe Gamble spoke to the Easton Rotary Club on April 7th on the topic of fentanyl awareness. He presented a short video entitled *Dead on Arrival* which dramatically outlined the deadly problem that fake drugs containing fentanyl has created. At the conclusion he stated "Things are changing rapidly with fake prescription pills. So many now are laced with fentanyl which makes them deadly. Parents and young people need to understand that this new trend is resulting in the highest number of overdose deaths this country has ever seen."

In attendance also was Joe Coale, Talbot County Deputy State's Attorney who heads up the Talbot County Narcotics Task Force. Mr. Coale commented that "Prosecuting dealers of fentanyl is a priority, but it cannot be the only goal. In order to maximize the safety of our citizens, particularly our young people, we must do all we can to educate about the serious, deadly problem of fentanyl."

Sheriff Gamble urges everyone to visit the Talbot Goes Purple page on Facebook where the short Fentanyl Awareness video may be watched. He particularly encourages all parents to watch it with their families in order to help save lives.