

TEXARKANA, Texas -- Counterfeit oxycodone pills may be involved in a fentanyl overdose that sent an 18-year-old Texarkana woman to the hospital and the man who allegedly sold drugs to her to jail this month.

Conner Douglas Morgan, 21, was arrested Dec. 22 in connection with a Texarkana, Texas, woman who was treated for a reported fentanyl overdose the night of Dec. 19. Morgan has been charged with delivery of a controlled substance resulting in serious bodily injury.

Morgan allegedly sold three blue pills stamped M30 to the woman for \$30 apiece the evening of Dec. 19, according to a probable cause affidavit. Two-and-a-half blue pills stamped M30 were allegedly found in the woman's bedroom by her mother after the overdose and given to Texarkana Texas Police Department officers.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration's website, blue pills stamped with M30 are oxycodone, a powerful prescription opioid pain reliever. The pills collected from the overdose victim's bedroom allegedly "field tested" positive for fentanyl, a synthetic opioid more powerful than morphine.

The woman's mother found her unresponsive the evening of Dec. 19 and was unable to wake her. When the woman's breathing stopped, the mother performed CPR until first responders arrived. The woman reportedly told TTPD Investigator Colten Johnson that she was informed by hospital staff that she would not have survived if she had not been found by her mother and given emergency medical attention.

The woman allegedly reported that she ingested the drug while sitting in Morgan's car at her home in Texarkana, Texas. The woman allegedly told Johnson that after taking the drug she went back in her home and remembers nothing after about 7:30 p.m. that night.

The use of fentanyl in street drugs such as methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin as a cheap alternative or additive has been associated with a rise in overdose deaths. Counterfeit pills containing fentanyl but stamped to look like genuine prescription drugs such as opioids, tranquilizers and stimulants, are a growing problem too, according to the DEA site.

Morgan's bail on the drug charge has been set at \$75,000. However, his bond on a pending robbery charge has been revoked and he is being held without bond in that case.