

LEAFLY HAVE THE BIG STORY OF THE DAY: INSYS BOSS ARRESTED IN ARIZONA ON RICO CHARGES

Leafly report that

John Kapoor, the 74-year-old founder and majority owner of Insys Therapeutics Inc., was arrested today and charged with leading a nationwide conspiracy to profit by using bribes and fraud to cause the illegal distribution of a fentanyl spray intended for cancer patients experiencing breakthrough pain. 'These Insys executives allegedly fueled the opioid epidemic by paying doctors to needlessly prescribe an extremely dangerous and addictive form of fentanyl.

Phillip Coyne, federal agent

Kapoor was arrested this morning in Arizona and charged with RICO conspiracy, as well as other felonies, including conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and conspiracy to violate the Anti-Kickback Law, according to a [Department of Justice press release](#). Kapoor, the former Executive Chairman of the Board and CEO of Insys, will appear in federal court in Phoenix today. He will appear in U.S. District Court in Boston at a later date.

There's lots more to read at <https://www.leafly.com/news/politics/insys-founder-arrested-charged-with-racketeering>