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HOW WE GOT TO SEE THE HIDDEN OPIOID DATABASE.

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The people of the United States have only recently been allowed to see a database maintained with their money by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. It is a database at the heart of the opioid epidemic in the United States.

The database tracks every last pain pill sold in the United States, from manufacturers to distributors to your local pharmacy where it is eventually sold to the people in every large city down to the smallest town. The Washington Post has broken down 380 million of these transactions between 2006 and 2012 into usable form. During that time 100,000 people reportedly died from opioid abuse.

Thanks to the Post's breakdown, the information stored in the database is no longer secret or remote, but accessible. Americans can use the information stored in their database to see things like which pharmacies sold the most drugs and how much they sold. Our family has already done that search. Has yours? Here is a link to the Post's portal into the people's database which the people did not previously know they owned: [Drilling Into the DEA's Pain Pill Database, Washington Post online Updated Sunday, July 21, 2019.](#)

The Washington Post's work on making the database usable is exceptional. The Post has earned the American people's gratitude, and the Post deserves it. However, the database and documents surrounding it would never have become known to the public if it had not been for two judges in Ohio.

This long but amazing story continues in our next article.

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