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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Susan W. Shaffer

DATE: February 2, 2009

RE: Dec. 2008 Drug Test Statistics and Year-End Data (Adult Arrestees)

Drug testing of adult arrestees for December 2008 revealed a decrease in the levels of substance abuse detected for opiates and cocaine, which were down 1% each from November, to 8% and 28%, respectively. The levels of substance abuse detected for PCP and amphetamines remained the same at 10% and 2%, respectively.

The overall number of adult arrestees testing positive for at least one drug was 728 of the 1,874 screened, or 39% -- down 3% from the previous month.

The breakdown of December 2008 test results is as follows:

Total positive for PCP	--	178 (10% of those tested, 24% of all positive)
Total positive for Opiates	--	152 (8% of those tested, 21% of all positive)
Total positive for Cocaine	--	523 (28% of those tested, 72% of all positive)
Total positive for Amphetamines	--	35 (2% of those tested, 5% of all positive)

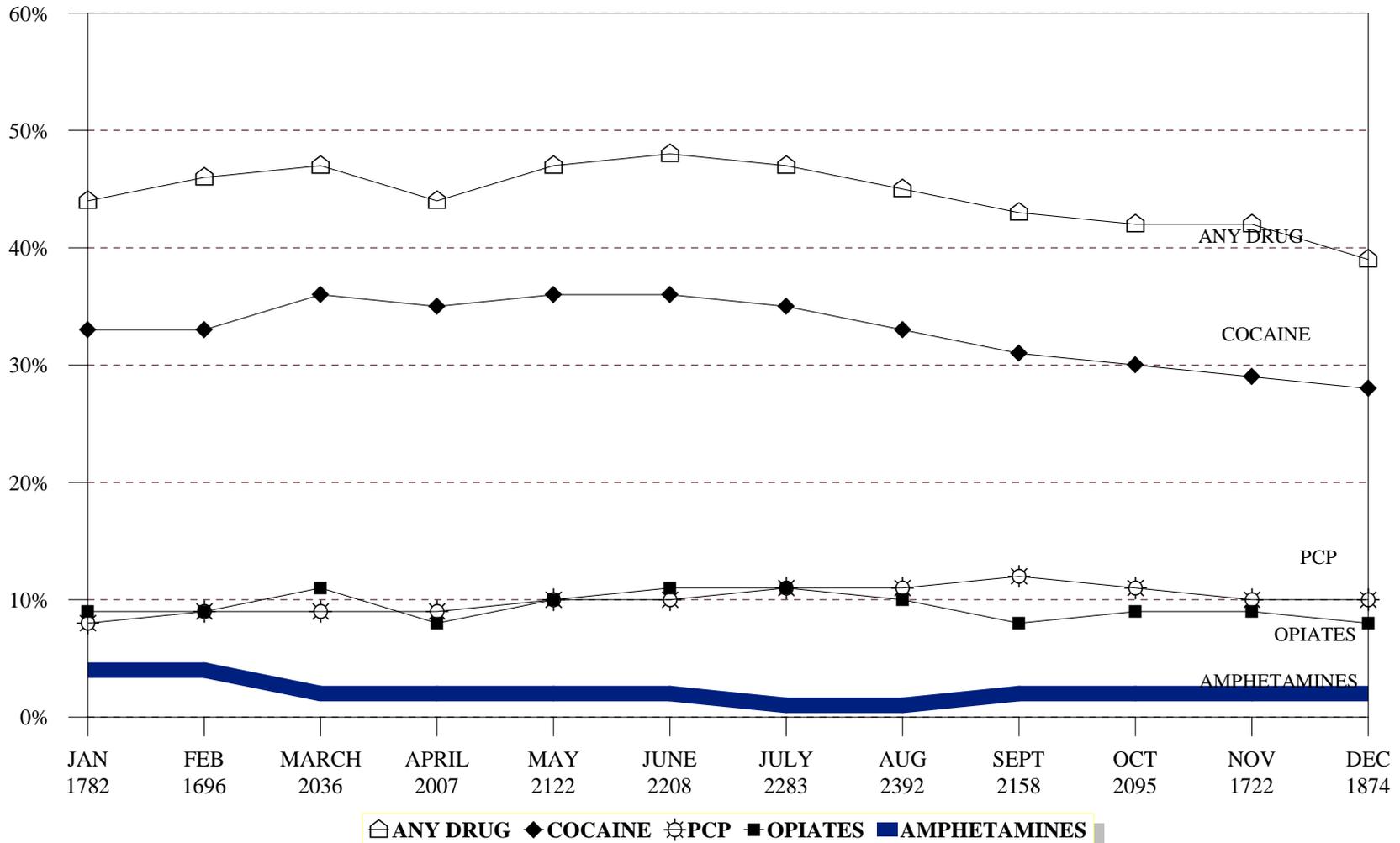
You may be interested in noting changes that have occurred in the detection levels of the drugs tested – cocaine, amphetamines, opiates and PCP – over the past several years. Therefore, we have attached a table that includes year-end data for the time period 1995 through 2008. **The overall percentage of adult arrestees testing positive declined from 48% in 2007 to 44% in 2008. This appears to be attributable primarily to a decline in the percentage of cocaine positives.**

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# DRUG TESTING OF ADULT ARRESTEES

## January 2008 - December 2008



# D.C. Pretrial Services Agency

## Drug Test Results – Adult Arrestees

### Year-End Data (1995-2008)

Year-Ended	Total No. Tested	Any Positive	Cocaine	Opiates	PCP	Amphetamines
1995	15,994	7,822 or 49%	6,229 or 40%	1,668 or 10%	2,152 or 14%	Not reported */
1996	18,292	8,319 or 46%	7,420 or 41%	1,912 or 11%	942 or 5%	“
1997	19,393	8,583 or 44%	7,569 or 39%	2,160 or 11%	862 or 4%	“
1998	17,336	7,605 or 44%	7,461 or 43%	1,885 or 11%	409 or 2%	“
1999	15,270	7,034 or 46%	5,978 or 39%	1,808 or 12%	907 or 6%	“
2000	15,630	6,750 or 43%	5,255 or 34%	1,492 or 10%	1,448 or 9%	“
2001	17,350	8,005 or 46%	5,930 or 34%	1,820 or 10%	2,199 or 13%	“
2002	17,952	8,618 or 48%	6,312 or 35%	1,883 or 10%	2,542 or 14%	“
2003	17,616	8,307 or 47%	6,124 or 35%	1,741 or 10%	2,343 or 13%	“
2004	19,531	8,499 or 44%	7,154 or 37%	1,906 or 10%	1,220 or 6%	“
2005	19,867	8,887 or 45%	7,419 or 37%	1,850 or 9%	1,496 or 8%	“
2006	23,271	11,372 or 49%	9,325 or 40%	2,079 or 9%	2,138 or 9%	283 or 3% */
2007	22,800	10,990 or 48%	8,486 or 37%	2,073 or 9%	2,132 or 9%	834 or 4%
2008	24,375	10,836 or 44%	8044 or 33%	2341 or 10%	2443 or 10%	500 or 2%

\*/ The D.C. Pretrial Services Agency resumed reporting on amphetamines in August 2006.