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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: *Susan W. Shaffer*
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DATE: February 23, 2010

RE: December 2009 Juvenile Drug Testing Statistics

Drug testing of juvenile arrestees, (both lockup and community cases), for December 2009 revealed increases in the levels of substance abuse in all categories.

	November 2009		December 2009	
Number Tested/ Number Positive	246/119	(48%)	164/95	(58%)
Multi Positive	4	(2%)	6	(4%)
Cocaine Positive	3	(1%)	4	(2%)
Marijuana Positive	119	(48%)	90	(55%)
Amphetamines Positive	0	(0%)	2	(1%)
PCP Positive	0	(0%)	5	(3%)

The Juvenile Drug Testing Unit tested 164 respondents prior to their initial hearing in December. Of the 140 lockup cases, 84 (60%) tested positive. Of the 24 community cases, 11 (46%) tested positive for marijuana (but no other drug). The combined positive rate was 58%, up 10% from the previous month.

	Community		Lockup		Combined	
All Negative	13	(54%)	56	(40%)	69	(42%)
Any Positive	11	(46%)	84	(60%)	95	(58%)
TOTALS	24		140		164	

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	Of the 24 Community Cases		Of the 140 Lockup Cases		Of the 164 Combined Cases		Of the 95 Positive Cases	
Multi Positive	0	(0%)	6	(4%)	6	(4%)	6	(6%)
Cocaine Positive	0	(0%)	4	(3%)	4	(2%)	4	(4%)
Marijuana Positive	11	(46%)	79	(56%)	90	(55%)	90	(95%)
Amphetamine Positive	0	(0%)	2	(1%)	2	(1%)	2	(2%)
PCP Positive	0	(0%)	5	(4%)	5	(3%)	5	(5%)

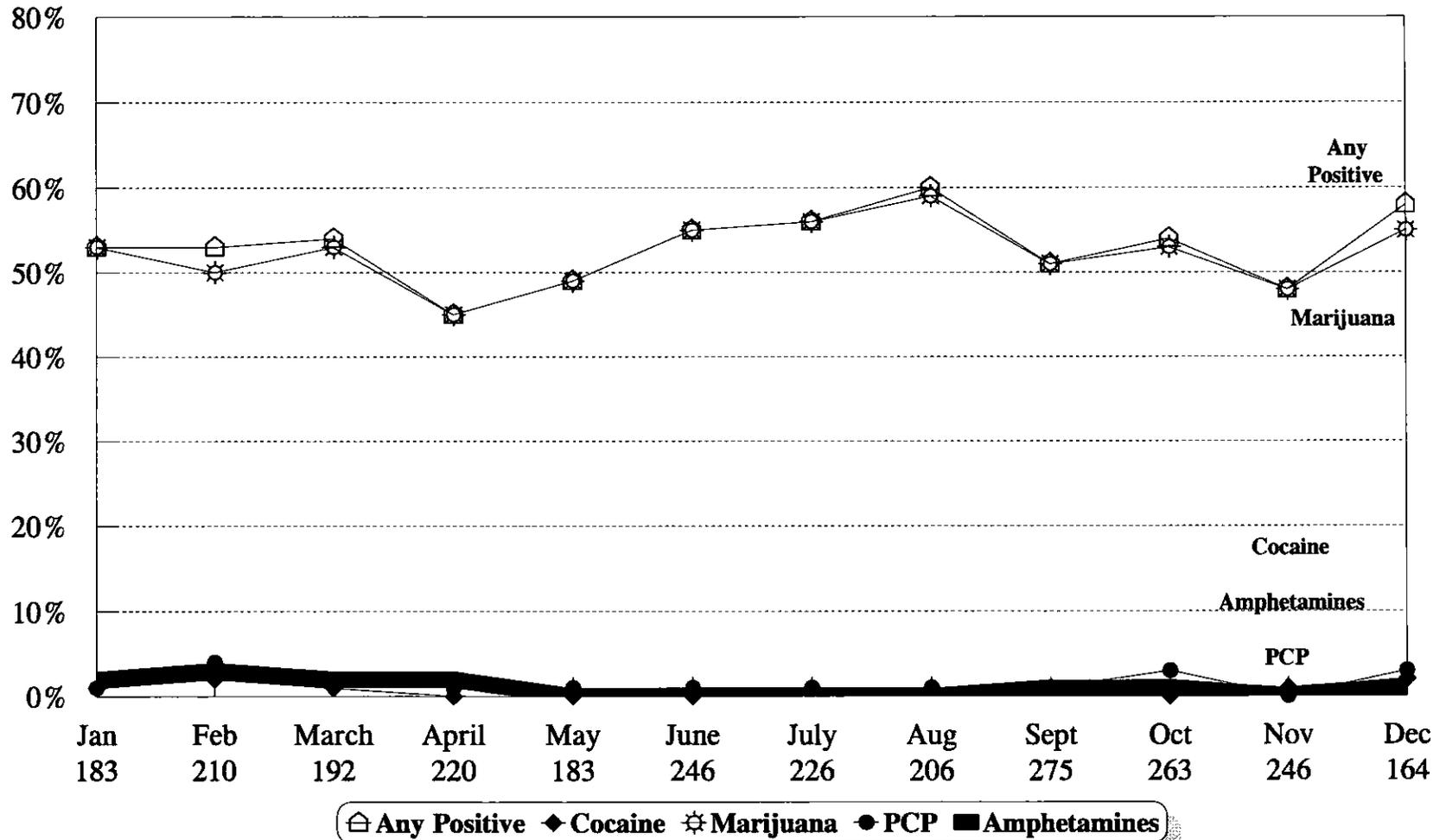
The following breakdown of age groups for both community and lockup cases was obtained through the Superior Court's records system and correlated with the respondent's test result information.

Age	Number of Arrestees Tested	Number Positive for Any Drug	% Positive for Any Drug
12	8	2	25%
13	1	0	0%
14	20	8	40%
15	37	20	54%
16	41	26	63%
17	44	30	68%
18-19	13	9	69%
Totals	164	95	58%

¹ Each of the two 12-year old respondents tested positive for marijuana.

Drug Testing of Juvenile Respondents

January 2009 - December 2009



This data reflects results of the drug test conducted prior to the juvenile's initial court hearing.