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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: *Susan W. Shaffer*
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DATE: January 17, 2012

RE: December 2011 Juvenile Drug Test Statistics

Drug testing of juvenile arrestees (both lockup and community cases) for December 2011 revealed a decrease in the level of marijuana use. Multi-positives and PCP revealed 1% and 2% increase respectively; amphetamines revealed 1% decrease; and cocaine remained consistent with last month.

Number Tested/ Number Positive	November 2011		December 2011	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Multi Positive	3	(2%)	4	(3%)
Cocaine Positive	1	(1%)	2	(1%)
Marijuana Positive	100	(56%)	64	(44%)
Amphetamines Positive	2	(1%)	0	(0%)
PCP Positive	2	(1%)	4	(3%)

The Juvenile Drug Testing Unit tested 147 respondents prior to their initial hearing in December. Of the 135 lockup cases, 60 (44%) tested positive. Of the 12 community cases, 6 (50%) tested positive for marijuana (but no other drug). The combined positive rate was 45%, down from the previous month.

	Community		Lockup		Combined	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
All Negative	6	(50%)	75	(56%)	81	(55%)
Any Positive	6	(50%)	60	(44%)	66	(45%)
TOTALS	12		135		147	

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	Of the 12 Community Cases		Of the 135 Lockup Cases		Of the 147 Combined Cases		Of the 66 Positive Cases	
Multi Positive	0	(0%)	4	(3%)	4	(3%)	4	(6%)
Cocaine Positive	0	(0%)	2	(1%)	2	(1%)	2	(3%)
Marijuana Positive	6	(50%)	58	(43%)	64	(44%)	64	(97%)
Amphetamine Positive	0	(0%)	0	(0%)	0	(0%)	0	(0%)
PCP Positive	0	(0%)	4	(3%)	4	(3%)	4	(6%)

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
8	2	0	0%
10	1	1	100%
12	6	1	17%
13	9	2	22%
14	18	7	39%
15	29	14	48%
16	37	15	41%
17	36	20	56%
18-19	8	6	75%
Unknown	1	0	0%
Totals	147	66	45%