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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Susan W. Shaffer

DATE: April 27, 2007

RE: March 2007 Juvenile Drug Testing Statistics

Drug testing of juvenile arrestees for March 2007 revealed a significant increase in the level of substance abuse detected for marijuana, which was up 9% from February, to 53%. The levels of substance abuse detected for PCP and cocaine increased 2% and 3% from the previous month, to 3% and 5%, respectively, while amphetamines decreased 1%, to 2%.

The Juvenile Drug Testing Unit tested 232 respondents prior to their initial hearing in March. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of the 197 Lockup cases tested positive. Forty-three percent (43%) of the 35 Community cases tested positive. The combined positive rate was 55% -- up 9% from February.

	<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>LOCKUP</u>	<u>COMBINED</u>
ALL NEGATIVE	20 (57%)	85 (43%)	105 (45%)
ANY POSITIVE	<u>15 (43%)</u>	<u>112 (57%)</u>	<u>127 (55%)</u>
TOTAL	35	197	232

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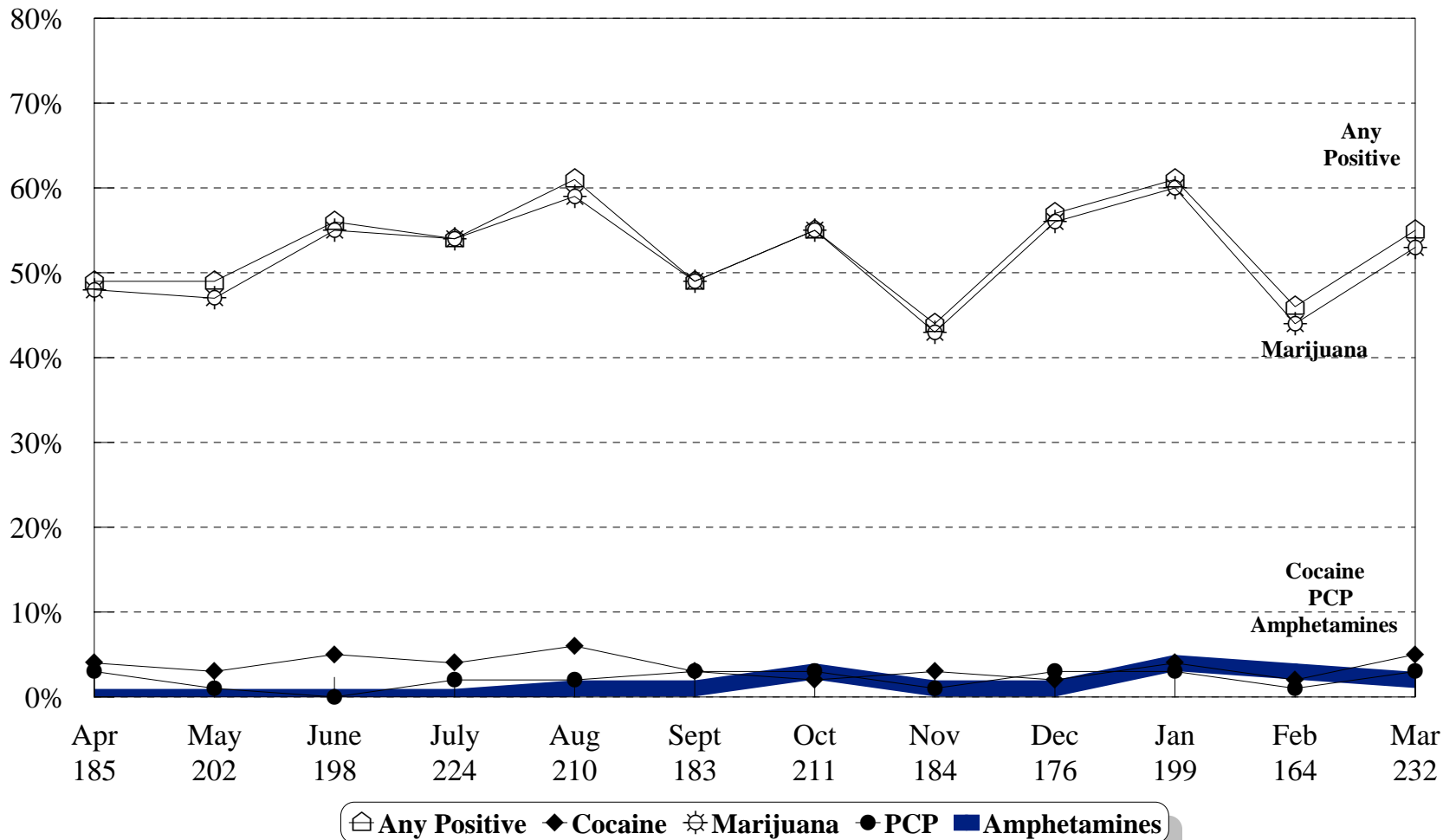
	Of the 35 Community Cases	Of the 197 Lockup Cases	Of the 232 Combined Cases	Of the 127 Positive Cases
Multi Positive	2 (6%)	17 (9%)	19 (8%)	19 (15%)
Cocaine Positive	1 (3%)	11 (6%)	12 (5%)	12 (9%)
Marijuana Positive	15 (43%)	109 (55%)	124 (53%)	124 (98%)
Amphetamines Positive	0	5 (3%)	5 (2%)	5 (4%)
PCP Positive	1 (3%)	7 (4%)	8 (3%)	8 (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	No. of Arrestees Tested	No. Positive for Any Drug	% Positive for Any Drug
8	1	0	0%
9	0	0	0%
10	0	0	0%
11	0	0	0%
12	10	0	0%
13	17	4	24%
14	39	17	44%
15	47	32	68%
16	61	39	64%
17	52	32	62%
18-19	4	3	75%
Over 19	1	0	0%

Drug Testing of Juvenile Respondents

April 2006 - March 2007



This data reflects results of the drug test conducted prior to the juvenile's initial court hearing. The D.C. Pretrial Services Agency resumed reporting on amphetamines in August 2006.