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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Victor Valentine Davis, Chief of Staff

**DATE:** September 11, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **August 2019 Drug Testing Statistics**

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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The rate of positive results from drug testing of adult arrestees for August 2019 decreased by 1% when compared to the previous month, with an overall positive test rate of 29%. Synthetic cannabinoids revealed a 3% increase. Multi-drug positives revealed a 2% increase. Amphetamines revealed a 1% increase. Opiates, PCP and heroin each remained consistent. Cocaine revealed a 1% decrease.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us at [contact@psa.gov](mailto:contact@psa.gov). Historical reports dating to 1996 can be accessed at [www.psa.gov](http://www.psa.gov) in the *Reading Room*, which can be accessed under the *Resources* tab.

The breakdown of August 2019 adult test results is as follows:

No. Tests/No. Positive	July 2019		August 2019	
	As % of All Tests	As % of All Positives	As % of All Tests	As % of All Positives
	1323	396 (30%)	1245	362 (29%)
Multi-Drug Positive	91 (7%)	91 (23%)	106 (9%)	106 (29%)
Cocaine Positive	213 (16%)	213 (54%)	167 (13%)	167 (46%)
Opiates Positive	77 (6%)	77 (19%)	69 (6%)	69 (19%)
Amphetamines Positive	15 (1%)	15 (4%)	28 (2%)	28 (8%)
PCP Positive	129 (10%)	129 (33%)	128 (10%)	128 (35%)
Heroin Positive	9 (1%)	9 (2%)	8 (1%)	8 (2%)
Synthetic Cannabinoid Positive	8 (1%)	8 (2%)	48 (4%)	48 (13%)

August 2019 Tests	
All Negative	883 71%
Any Positive	362 29%
Total	1245 100%

**August 2019 Juvenile Drug Testing Statistics**

The positive rate for juvenile drug testing for August 2019 decreased by 6% when compared to the previous month.

	<b>July 2019</b>		<b>August 2019</b>	
Number Tested/ Number Positive	76/54	(71%)	43/28	(65%)
Multi-Drug Positive	4	(5%)	0	(0%)
Cocaine Positive	3	(4%)	0	(0%)
Marijuana Positive	54	(71%)	28	(65%)
PCP Positive	1	(1%)	0	(0%)

The Juvenile Drug Testing Unit tested 43 respondents prior to their appearance in August 2019. Of the 43 lockup cases, 28 (65%) tested positive for marijuana. No community cases were tested for the month of August.

	<b>Community</b>		<b>Lockup</b>		<b>Combined</b>	
All Negative	0	(0%)	15	(35%)	15	(35%)
Any Positive	0	(0%)	28	(65%)	28	(65%)
Total	0	(0%)	43	(100%)	43	(100%)

	<b>Of the 0 Community Cases</b>		<b>Of the 43 Lockup Cases</b>		<b>Of the 43 Combined Cases</b>		<b>Of the 28 Positive Cases</b>	
Multi-Drug Positive	0	(0%)	0	(0%)	0	(0%)	0	(0%)
Cocaine Positive	0	(0%)	0	(0%)	0	(0%)	0	(0%)
Marijuana Positive	0	(0%)	28	(65%)	28	(65%)	28	(100%)
PCP Positive	0	(0%)	0	(0%)	0	(0%)	0	(0%)

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.

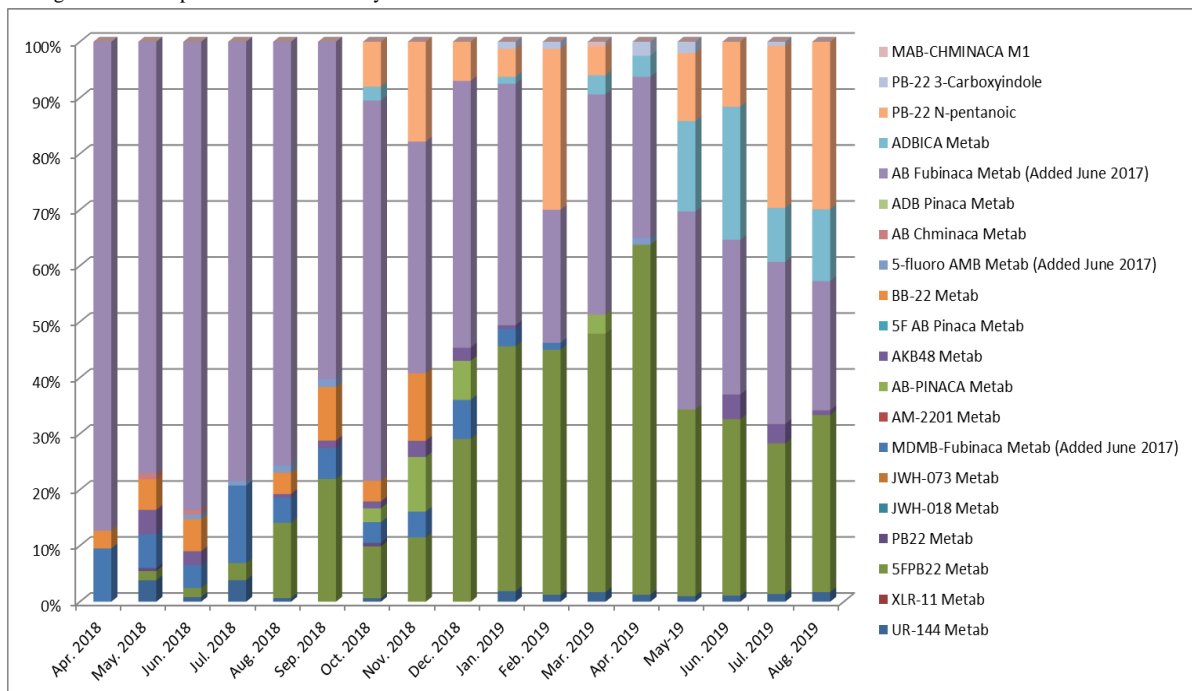
<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of Arrestees Tested</b>	<b>Number Positive for Any Drug</b>	<b>Percent Positive for Any Drug</b>
13	7	3	43%
14	6	5	83%
15	7	5	71%
16	11	6	55%
17	12	9	75%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>65%</b>

### Synthetic Cannabinoid Testing Results for August 2019\*

August 2019		
Positives	70	64.22%
Negatives	39	35.78%
Total	109	100%

	Number of Positive Analogues	Percentage of Positive Analogues
5-fluoro PB-22 3-Carboxyindole	37	31.62%
PB-22 N-pentanoic acid	35	29.91%
*AB-FUBINACA Metabolites	27	23.08%
ADBICA N-pentanoic acid	15	12.82%
UR-144 pentanoic acid	2	1.71%
AKB48 N-pentanoic acid	1	0.85%
Total	117	100%

\*\*\*Data is expressed as a percentage of total positive analogues instead of percentage of total samples. Data prior to July 2017 is expressed as a percentage of total samples. Test Performed by LCMSMS \*Includes Metabolites 3 and 4 as of June 2017 \*\*Added June 2017.



\*These samples were obtained from the pretrial, parole/probation, and juvenile populations. The samples have been preselected by staff or the court for testing due to suspected use by the contributor.

## Drug Testing of Adult Arrestees September 2018 - August 2019

