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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Interested Parties

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

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**SUBJECT: December 2019 Drug Testing Statistics**

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The rate of positive results from drug testing of adult arrestees for December 2019 decreased by 3% when compared to the previous month, with an overall positive test rate of 26%. Multi-drug positives, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines and heroin each revealed a 1% decrease. Synthetic cannabinoids remained consistent. PCP revealed a 2% 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 December 2019 adult test results is as follows:

No. Tests/No. Positive	November 2019		December 2019	
	As % of All Tests	As % of All Positives	As % of All Tests	As % of All Positives
	1147	328 (29%)	1192	304 (26%)
Multi-Drug Positive	65 (6%)	65 (20%)	59 (5%)	59 (19%)
Cocaine Positive	164 (14%)	164 (50%)	150 (13%)	150 (49%)
Opiates Positive	53 (5%)	53 (5%)	44 (4%)	44 (14%)
Amphetamines Positive	18 (2%)	18 (5%)	17 (1%)	17 (6%)
PCP Positive	115 (10%)	115 (35%)	98 (8%)	98 (32%)
Heroin Positive	9 (1%)	9 (3%)	3 (0%)	3 (1%)
Synthetic Cannabinoid Positive	20 (2%)	20 (6%)	22 (2%)	22 (7%)

	December 2019 Tests	
All Negative	888	74%
Any Positive	304	26%
Total	1192	100%

**December 2019 Juvenile Drug Testing Statistics**

The positive rate for juvenile drug testing for December 2019 decreased by 8% when compared to the previous month.

	<b>November 2019</b>		<b>December 2019</b>	
Number Tested/ Number Positive	75/48	(64%)	66/37	(56%)
Multi-Drug Positive	0	(0%)	0	(0%)
Cocaine Positive	0	(0%)	0	(0%)
Marijuana Positive	48	(64%)	37	(56%)
PCP Positive	0	(0%)	0	(0%)

The Juvenile Drug Testing Unit tested 66 respondents prior to their appearance in December 2019. Of the 66 lockup cases, 37 (56%) tested positive for marijuana. No community cases were tested for the month of December.

	<b>Community</b>		<b>Lockup</b>		<b>Combined</b>	
All Negative	0	(0%)	29	(44%)	29	(44%)
Any Positive	0	(0%)	37	(56%)	37	(56%)
Total	0	(0%)	66	(100%)	66	(100%)

	<b>Of the 0 Community Cases</b>		<b>Of the 66 Lockup Cases</b>		<b>Of the 66 Combined Cases</b>		<b>Of the 37 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%)	37	(56%)	37	(56%)	37	(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.

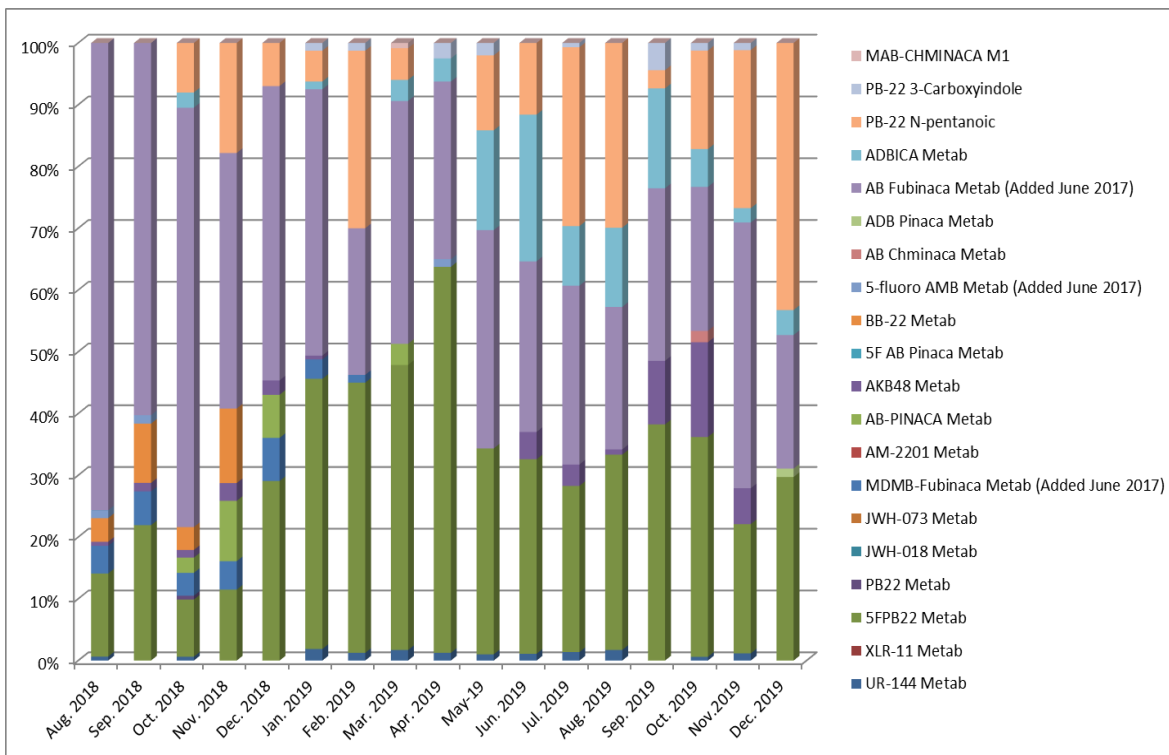
<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of Arrestees Tested</b>	<b>Number Positive for Any Drug</b>	<b>Percent Positive for Any Drug</b>
13	5	0	0%
14	13	8	62%
15	20	15	75%
16	14	5	36%
17	12	8	67%
18-19	2	1	50%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>56%</b>

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

December 2019		
Positives	55	63.22%
Negatives	32	36.78%
Total	87	100%

	Number of Positive Analogues	Percentage of Positive Analogues
PB-22 N-pentanoic acid	32	43.24%
5-fluoro PB-22 3-Carboxyindole	22	29.73%
*AB-FUBINACA Metabolites	16	21.62%
ADBICA N-pentanoic acid	3	4.05%
ADB-PINACA pentanoic acid	1	1.35%
Total	74	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 January 2019 - December 2019

