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District of Columbia, Metropolitan Police Department

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District of Columbia Experiencing an Increase in the Distribution and Abuse of Phencyclidine (PCP)

This report states that according to official records of the Metropolitan Police Department, the District of Columbia's Court Supervision and Offender Services Agency, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, the District of Columbia has experienced a significant increase in the distribution and abuse of PCP over the past several years. The current rate of adult arrestees testing positive for PCP is approximately 11 percent, an increase of more than 230 percent since 2004. PCP-related arrests in the District of Columbia have also increased steadily. There were a total of 583 PCP-related arrests in 2009, compared with 223 arrests in 2004—an increase of approximately 161 percent.

*District of Columbia, Metropolitan Police Department
Threat Assessment, 2 pages, May 2010*

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Drug Enforcement Administration

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2008 Heroin Domestic Monitor Program

This report presents data and conclusions from the Heroin Domestic Monitor Program (HDMP) conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for 2008. The HDMP provides data on the price, purity, and geographic source of heroin sold at the retail level in 28 U.S. cities. The data contained in this report are based on actual undercover heroin purchases made by DEA and its law enforcement partners on the streets of these cities.

*Drug Enforcement Administration Headquarters, Intelligence Division
Situation Report, 24 pages, October 2009*

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Heroin Signature Program: 2008

The Heroin Signature Program is an essential component of the Drug Enforcement Administration's ability to identify trends in heroin trafficking and distribution in the United States. This report identifies and quantifies the chemical constituents of heroin seized at U.S. ports of entry, as well as randomly chosen samples and special requests for analysis.

*Drug Enforcement Administration Headquarters, Intelligence Division
Situation Report, 6 pages, November 2009*

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The Drug Trade in Canada: A Threat Assessment

This report provides an assessment of the drug trafficking threat in Canada. It states that drug trafficking in Canada ranges from the domestic production of MDMA (3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine, also known as ecstasy) and high-potency marijuana to the smuggling of heroin, cocaine, and hashish into the country. Concentrated primarily in the west coast province of British Columbia and the eastern province of Ontario, trafficking organizations are often ethnic in nature and often specialize in one illicit drug.

*Drug Enforcement Administration Headquarters, Intelligence Division
Situation Report, 16 pages, March 2010
Publication No. DEA-09020
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Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center

Documents are available on the ADNET web site at <http://epicosa.adnet.sgov.gov>, or by contacting EPIC, Attn: Chief, Research and Analysis Section, Tactical Bulletins Team, 11339 SSG Sims Street, El Paso, TX 79908-8098, or by telephone at (915) 760-2301.

Black Cocaine

This bulletin states that black cocaine, or *coca negra*, is created by drug traffickers to evade drug-detection canines and chemical field tests. The traffickers add charcoal, decolorizing carbon, fine iron filings, or various inorganic salts to cocaine, which transforms it into a dark, brittle substance that can be dark red, blue-violet, or black. It has no smell and does not react when subjected to field drug-testing methods. Black cocaine is not sold on the street in its black form; it is mixed with a solvent such as acetone or ether to extract the cocaine from the masking agents—i.e., iron thiocyanate and cobalt thiocyanate.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 6 pages, October 2009
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Liquid Methamphetamine Smuggled in Bottles

The smuggling of methamphetamine from Mexico in liquid form is not new and is another means used by traffickers to thwart law enforcement interdiction efforts. Liquid methamphetamine is produced by dissolving the drug in water and then placing it in containers, usually empty, dark-colored liquor bottles. Officers may note that the liquid is slightly thicker than normal alcohol, that the bottle seals may be cut and glued, and that microscopic bubbles will float to the top of the liquid when it is shaken.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 4 pages, October 2009
Publication No. EB09-66
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CPQ 10-0006*

Propofol Abuse: A Concern in the Medical Profession

Recently, abuse of the drug propofol has gained worldwide attention. Information about the proper and improper uses of the drug has been published and broadcast by the media to educate the public. Its use has sparked questions and promoted awareness about the ramifications of propofol abuse. Prescription drug abuse is nothing new, but this report clearly identifies propofol as a drug the law enforcement community should be concerned about.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 4 pages, October 2009
Publication No. EB09-67
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0007*

Officer Safety—Highly Toxic Pesticide Encountered During Marijuana Eradication Operation in California

Operation Save Our Sierra (SOS) was a large-scale, multiagency marijuana eradication operation conducted in Fresno County, California, in July 2009. Large tracts of public lands are attractive to traffickers interested in establishing illicit marijuana grow sites at remote locations. During Operation SOS, California Department of Fish and Game wardens discovered a container of the highly toxic agricultural pesticide Metafos, aka methamidophos, at a grow site in the Sierra National Forest (within Fresno County) that the site tenders were apparently spraying on the marijuana.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 7 pages, October 2009
Publication No. EB09-68
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0008*

Multiton Load of Marijuana Seized From a Cloned School Bus Near Laredo, TX

On October 10, 2009, the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) Highway Patrol seized 2,458 kilograms (5,408 pounds) of marijuana from a cloned school bus in Webb County, near Laredo, Texas. The bus, which was being driven on northbound U.S. 59 at 8:11 a.m. on a Saturday, aroused the suspicion of a TXDPS Highway Patrol trooper because it was being driven in the left lane of the highway but was not passing other vehicles. The TXDPS trooper conducted a traffic stop, and when the bus came to a halt, the driver fled into the nearby brush.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 7 pages, November 2009
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LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0009*

Global Positioning System (GPS) Tracking Devices Used by Drug Trafficking Organizations

This bulletin states that the use and concealment of GPS tracking devices in drug or currency shipments by drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) operating in the United States are rapidly increasing. In 2009, several incidents in which traffickers used tracking devices to monitor the movement of their illicit cargo were reported. The use of this technology by DTOs is significant, and law enforcement should be aware of its rapidly increasing use because these devices have both operational and officer safety implications.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 5 pages, November 2009
Publication No. EB09-70
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CPQ 10-0010*

Books and Magazines Used to Smuggle Drugs

On June 19, 2009, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Washington-Dulles International Airport arrested a 70-year-old female U.S. citizen who arrived on a flight from Germany via Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The woman was attempting to smuggle 222.9 grams of marijuana into the United States. The marijuana was packaged in small, clear plastic bags concealed within a bundle of German magazines inside the woman's luggage.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
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Prescription Drug Abuse

This bulletin states that prescription drug abuse is a serious problem plaguing society, despite the Controlled Substances Act of 1970, prescription drug abuse hotlines to report suspicious activity, and efforts by the media to educate the public about the pitfalls of prescription drug abuse. Who is accountable: doctors, pharmacies, or patients themselves, and what is the solution? This bulletin addresses the seriousness of the problem at hand.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 6 pages, December 2009
Publication No. EB09-72
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0012*

Phenylacetic Acid

This bulletin states that phenylacetic acid (PAA) is being used as an alternative precursor for the manufacture of methamphetamine in Mexico. Mexican drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) are using PAA instead of ephedrine/pseudoephedrine as a precursor because PAA is not as restricted or controlled as pseudoephedrine. This bulletin highlights two significant seizures in Mexico and discusses why some DTOs are now using PAA in methamphetamine production.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 5 pages, December 2009
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LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0013*

Traffickers Continue to Use Lead Compartments to Evade Detection at Southwest Border Ports-of-Entry

A recent seizure indicates that traffickers who attempt to smuggle drugs across the Southwest Border continue to use vehicle compartments shielded with lead in an effort to defeat detection by U.S. Customs and Border Protection nonintrusive inspection systems.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 4 pages, December 2009
Publication No. EB09-74
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CPQ 10-0014*

Drugs Smuggled Inside a Glass Case

On October 29, 2009, at the Otay Mesa Cargo Facility, Otay Mesa, California, a license plate check of a commercial tractor-trailer revealed positive results for illegal activity in U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) indices. CBP officers directed the driver of the commercial tractor-trailer to nonintrusive inspections and to secondary inspection for further assessment. The results of the secondary screening were positive. The CBP officers seized a total of 47 packages of marijuana, with a combined weight of 719.95 kilograms.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 3 pages, December 2009
Publication No. EB09-75
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0015*

Drug Concealments in Vehicle Frame Rails and Cross-Car Beams

On November 21, 2009, Louisiana State Police troopers seized 7.2 kilograms of cocaine that had been elaborately concealed in the front frame rails of a 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt four-door sedan. The vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation on eastbound Interstate 10 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana. The vehicle was searched with a drug-detector dog, and the dog alerted positively to the front of the vehicle for the presence of drugs. When the officers removed the plates, they discovered packages of drugs in the void spaces inside the frame rails.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 7 pages, January 2010
Publication No. EB10-01
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0016*

Officer Safety Alert: Intelligence on Booby-Trapped Marijuana Bales in Arizona

Over the past 2 years, the El Paso Intelligence Center has received reports of marijuana bales booby-trapped with chemicals and other types of contaminants specifically intended to harm the law enforcement officers who opened the packages or came in contact with the drugs. There have also been reports of traffickers planting live ammunition inside marijuana bales so that if seized, the ammunition would explode when the bales were incinerated.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 2 pages, January 2010
Publication No. EB10-02
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0017*

Officer Safety Alert: Tire Spikes

This bulletin states that officers need to be aware of a continuing concern as to the use of tire spikes by criminals, which has recently caused problems at the McAllen Border Patrol Station. The use of tire spikes is not a new tactic that criminals are employing in order to attempt to defy law enforcement, but it remains a serious one for both law enforcement and the general public.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 4 pages, 15 January 2010
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CPQ 10-0018*

Electronically Controlled Dashboard Concealment

On December 15, 2009, Special Agents from the DEA Oakland Resident Office and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Newark, California, arrested an illegal alien from Mexico for possession of more than 10 pounds of crystal methamphetamine. The suspect drove a California-registered 2004 Ford Taurus four-door sedan equipped with a sophisticated hidden compartment in the vehicle's interior. The hidden compartment was on the dashboard in the area normally occupied by the passenger side airbag. An electric solenoid-operated after-market trunk latch salvaged from an unknown type of vehicle secured the airbag cover to the dashboard.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
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Contraband Concealed in the Cavities of Spools

This bulletin states that traffickers continue to use innovative methods to smuggle drugs in their attempt to prevent law enforcement officers from stopping their movement into the United States. Various methods have been employed by traffickers to conceal drugs. This bulletin is a compilation of incidents in which smugglers have concealed drugs inside spools of thread, textile rolls, nylon rope, and industrial-size spools of thread.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 4 pages, January 2010
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CPQ 10-0020*

Drugs Smuggled in Baby Items

This bulletin states that child car seats and strollers come in many shapes and sizes, which could facilitate their use in drug smuggling. While car seats and strollers are manufactured with safety in mind, some have natural voids in which illegal drugs can be concealed. The base of a car seat usually contains open cavities and hollowed areas, which can be used for concealments. Illegal drugs can also be smuggled in the hollowed areas of the handles, legs, or base of baby strollers.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 4 pages, 2 February 2010
Publication No. EB10-06
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0021*

Narcotics Concealed in Fire Extinguishers

On January 16, 2010, Mexican Customs agents along with Mexican Navy personnel seized approximately 3.4 tons of ephedrine from the cargo vessel MSC *Paola* at the Port of Manzanillo, Colima, Mexico. While inspecting the vessel's cargo, officers discovered 2,000 fire extinguishers in two different sizes; 612 contained ephedrine. Some of the extinguishers contained ephedrine powder weighing more than a ton, while others contained 327 kilograms of ephedrine pills.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 3 pages, 3 February 2010
Publication No. EB10-07
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0022*

Ambulance Used for Drug Smuggling Interdicted in Arkansas

On January 24, 2010, Arkansas State Police troopers seized 105 pounds of marijuana from an ambulance on Interstate 40 in Faulkner County, Arkansas. The ambulance, a 2001 Ford Expedition sport-utility vehicle, was stopped for a traffic violation on eastbound Interstate 40 near Conway, Arkansas. The vehicle, which was painted white with orange emergency stripes on the sides, had blue EMT-style medical decals on the rear-side quarter windows, red emergency lights mounted above the front bumper, and a red emergency light bar mounted on the roof. The driver and passenger of the ambulance were residents of Oroville, California, and had in their possession healthcare industry-style identification badges from a mental health facility where they had previously been employed.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 3 pages, February 2010
Publication No. EB10-08
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0023*

Cloned Cargo Vans Used for Marijuana Smuggling

The Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigation Division office at McAllen, Texas, has reported the use of cloned Eagle Global Logistics (EGL) cargo vans in the transportation of marijuana. EGL was bought by CEVA Logistics in August 2007, and EGL is no longer in existence. Intelligence has indicated that a commercial sign shop in Pharr, Texas, has been painting and decaling Chevrolet and GMC cargo vans to resemble EGL vehicles. It is believed that the sign shop is knowingly providing vehicle cloning services to traffickers who then use the vehicles to transport drugs.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 3 pages, 5 March 2010
Publication No. EB10-09
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0024*

A Powerful New Designer Drug—Ivory Wave

According to open-source reporting, a powerful new mind-altering drug has surfaced—one so addictive that users say it provokes an almost uncontrollable urge for another hit. The drug, Ivory Wave, is available on Internet web sites based in Europe, which disguise the drug's true identity by selling it as a soothing bath salt. The companies that market Ivory Wave also sell other bath salt products, which are believed to contain similar ingredients.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 3 pages, 5 March 2010
Publication No. EB10-10
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0025*

Decoy Smuggling Vehicle Discovered Near Arizona Border

On February 6, 2010, U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents received a report from a concerned citizen about a suspicious vehicle that had been abandoned near Hereford, Arizona. The agents proceeded to the area and discovered a 2008 Chevrolet Avalanche pickup that had been left running without a key in the ignition. When the agents searched the pickup, they discovered what appeared to be numerous bundles of marijuana in the rear passenger area and in the pickup bed. Upon opening the bundles, the agents found only wood chips. It is believed that this pickup was intended as a decoy smuggling vehicle to divert attention from an actual drug movement event.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 2 pages, 5 March 2010
Publication No. EB10-11
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0026*

Liquid Methamphetamine Hidden Inside Windshield Washer and Radiator Overflow Reservoirs of 2005–2007 Jeep Liberty Vehicles

Historically, liquid methamphetamine has mostly been smuggled into the United States via passenger flights and found inside different types of containers (such as wine bottles or other types of bottles) hidden inside packages or luggage. Recently there have been incidents in which the windshield washer and radiator overflow reservoirs of 2005 through 2007 Jeep Liberty vehicles were used in attempts to smuggle liquid methamphetamine across the Southwest Border into the United States.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 2 pages, 15 March 2010
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Marijuana Concealed Inside Auxiliary Gas Tank

On January 6, 2010, pursuant to a traffic stop, Shawnee County Sheriff's deputies seized 252 kilograms of marijuana on Interstate 70 eastbound in Shawnee, Kansas. A deputy stopped a Ford F-250 pickup with Arizona license plates for "record not found on tag." During the inspection process, deputies examined the toolbox gas tank. Upon opening the toolbox, a mechanic found five metal boxes, all containing marijuana.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 3 pages, 15 March 2010
Publication No. EB10-13
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0028*

Heroin Concealed Inside a Drive Shaft

On February 20, 2010, a Junction City, Kansas, police officer conducted a traffic stop on a U-Haul box truck and trailer transporting a pickup truck. The officer led a drug-detection canine around the vehicles, and the canine alerted to the pickup truck. The vehicles were taken to a warehouse for a thorough search. Officers removed the drive shaft and, after drilling a small hole, observed suspected heroin trickling from the opening.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 3 pages, 15 March 2010
Publication No. EB10-14
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0029*

Methamphetamine in Unique Door Compartments in Pontiac Aztek

On February 1, 2010, U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents in San Luis, Arizona, seized 18.7 kilograms of methamphetamine from a vehicle with unique hidden door compartments. The vehicle was a 2005 Pontiac Aztek sport-utility vehicle (SUV) that was registered in Sonora, Mexico. A detailed examination of the Pontiac Aztek led to the discovery of four large bundles of methamphetamine hidden in compartments in each of the SUV's doors.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 3 pages, 15 March 2010
Publication No. EB10-15
LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
CPQ 10-0030*

Marijuana Bales With Unusual Markings Discovered in Lake County, Florida

On March 4, 2010, law enforcement officers from the Lake County, Florida, Sheriff's Office and the Seminole County, Florida, Sheriff's Office seized 216 pounds of marijuana at a drug stash house in Lake County, Florida. The marijuana bales were wrapped with multiple layers of plastic wrap. Most, if not all, of the bales had what appeared to be the letters ARCHI written on one side and the image of a small green dog that resembled a Chihuahua imprinted on the other side.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 3 pages, 15 March 2010
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CPQ 10-0031*

Assessment of the GT200 Molecular Detector

This report is a review and assessment of the GT200 Molecular Detector manufactured by the British company Global Technical Ltd. The company claims that the device can detect explosives and narcotics and can be customized to detect uranium acetate, human bodies, gold, ivory, poison, currency, and tobacco. In June 2009, Sandia Laboratories conducted a double-blind study involving the military, company representation, and an independent tester. The study showed that the device was unable to detect anything and that random chance was more likely to be successful. The governments of Mexico, Iraq, Thailand, and other countries use the device, but the U.S. Government does not.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 22 pages, 15 March 2010
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Tattoos Associated With the Barrio Azteca Gang

This bulletin states that Barrio Azteca was established in the El Paso, Texas, County Jail in 1987 and later moved to the streets and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice prison system. The Barrio Azteca prison gang—which has chapters in El Paso, Texas, and Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico—has historically been linked to the Juárez Cartel. This bulletin provides photographs of tattoos associated with known members of the gang.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
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CPQ 10-0033*

Non-Military Persons Posing as Members of the U.S. Armed Forces to Facilitate Illicit Activities

On January 23, 2010, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Miami, Florida, International Airport encountered a U.S. male citizen dressed in a U.S. Army Combat Uniform bearing the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. A search of the individual's baggage led to the discovery of a fraudulent set of U.S. Army travel orders, which indicated that he was to report to the MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida. No drugs were discovered during the search of his baggage or person. Subsequent CBP research on the individual's background revealed that he had been convicted on drug charges in Florida in 1991, was incarcerated through 1997, violated parole in 1999, and was reincarcerated on additional drug charges in 2000.

*Drug Enforcement Administration, El Paso Intelligence Center
EPIC Bulletin, 4 pages, 29 March 2010
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Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Juan Division

Documents may be obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Juan Division by contacting the San Juan Division Field Intelligence Group at the phone number listed after each abstract.

Los Condos Gang Operating in Humacao, Puerto Rico

This report provides information on the Los Condos Gang operating in Humacao, Puerto Rico. This gang is a well-organized violent gang suspected of drug trafficking, murder, and aggravated assault. Document may be obtained by contacting the San Juan Division Field Intelligence Group at (787) 754-6000.

*Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Juan Division
Criminal Tradecraft Alert, 5 pages, 7 January 2010
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Counternarcotics Publications Quarterly**Methods Used in Puerto Rico to Alter Electric Meters of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority**

This report identifies methods used in Puerto Rico to alter electric meters of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority. Source reporting reveals that approximately 1.3 million new smart grid technology meters have been deployed across the island to virtually 100 percent of its customers. Details of the steps to alter meters as well as the software required are being passed around in chat rooms on the Internet. Deployments of these meters in the Continental United States are vulnerable to the same abuse. Document may be obtained by contacting the San Juan Division Field Intelligence Group at (787) 772-2196.

*Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Juan Division
Cyber Crime Alert, 5 pages, 14 January 2010
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La Montaña Gang Operating in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico

This report provides information on La Montaña Gang operating in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. This gang is a well-organized violent gang suspected of several violent murders, aggravated assaults, illegal possession of firearms, and drug trafficking. Document may be obtained by contacting the San Juan Division Field Intelligence Group at (787) 754-6000.

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CPQ 10-0037*

Latin Kings Drug Purchasing Activity in Quebradillas, Puerto Rico

This report references a meeting between a self-proclaimed Latin Kings gang member and other individuals in Quebradillas, Puerto Rico. During this meeting, the Latin Kings gang member asked unknown individuals if they wanted to participate in an “angulo” with him. An “angulo” involves two people putting up the money to buy drugs from a third person. Document may be obtained by contacting the San Juan Division Field Intelligence Group at (787) 754-6000.

*Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Juan Division
Criminal Tradecraft Alert, 5 pages, 18 February 2010
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CPQ 10-0038*

Gang Threat Within the San Juan Division Domain

This report identifies methods of operations used by local neighborhood gangs. There are approximately 345 public housing projects (PHPs) in Puerto Rico, and these locations are characterized by high crime rates, high rates of drug abuse, and poor oversight by government agencies, including police departments. Most of these PHPs are havens for gangs, drugs, and weapons trafficking. Document may be obtained by contacting the San Juan Field Intelligence Group at (787) 754-6000.

*Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Juan Division
Criminal Activity Alert, 5 pages, 16 February 2010
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CPQ 10-0039*

Latin Kings Gang Recruiting Activity in Puerto Rico

This report discusses recruiting activity by the Latin Kings gang in Barrio Cocos, Quebradillas, Puerto Rico. Document may be obtained by contacting the San Juan Field Intelligence Group at (787) 754-6000.

*Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Juan Division
Criminal Activity Alert, 5 pages, 2 March 2010
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CPQ 10-0040*

Method to Smuggle Drugs Using Local Residents' Postal Addresses by Identified Members of a Gang Operating in the Municipality of Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico

This report provides information on a local gang operating in the municipality of Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, that receives packages containing drugs using local residents' postal addresses. Gang members are armed and threaten local residents if they intervene with their drug trafficking method. Members have also been known to physically assault neighbors, destroy their properties, and fight over drug points within the local community. Document may be obtained by contacting the San Juan Division Field Intelligence Group at (787) 754-6000.

*Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Juan Division
Criminal Tradecraft Alert, 5 pages, 18 March 2010
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Documents may be obtained from the Foreign Military Studies Office. For questions or original articles, contact FMSO/JRIC Analyst, (414) 795-8802 or Brenda.Fiegel@ugov.gov.

Mexican Soldiers Seize 4,088 Kilograms of Marijuana Near Samalayuca, Chihuahua

José Luis Parra Barragán, a former municipal police officer, was arrested for possession of 126 sacks of marijuana weighing 4,088 kilograms after soldiers stopped him for a routine inspection at the checkpoint located at the 44.5 kilometer mark near the Samalayuca village on the Ciudad Juárez-Villahumada highway. During the search, the marijuana was found within the shipment of milk he was transporting in his refrigerated truck.

*Foreign Military Studies Office, Joint Reserve Intelligence Center, International Borders Security Research Team
Open Source Intelligence Summary, 4 January 2010
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CPQ 10-0042*

David Murcia Extradited From Colombia to the U.S.

On January 5, 2010, the founder and principal partner in the Colombian company DMG Grupo Holding S.A., David Murcia Guzmán, was extradited to the United States, where he is wanted on money laundering charges. The director of the Central Directorate of the Judicial Police and Intelligence in Colombia, General Luis Gilberto Ramírez Calle, said that Murcia was turned over to U.S. authorities in a security operation that included more than a hundred men. The extradition operation began when Murcia Guzmán was taken by helicopter from the La Picota Prison south of Bogotá to the Catam military airport. From there he was transported to New York on a Drug Enforcement Administration aircraft.

*Foreign Military Studies Office, Joint Reserve Intelligence Center, International Borders Security Research Team
Open Source Intelligence Summary, 5 January 2010
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CPQ 10-0043*

Soldiers Seize 13,560 Kilograms of Opium Gum in Tamazula, Sinaloa

Soldiers running a checkpoint in Tamazula, Sinaloa, seized 13,560 kilograms of opium gum from a pickup truck driven by Filiberto Acosta Lazcano, from Tegoripa, Sinaloa.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 6 January 2010
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CPQ 10-0044*

Counternarcotics Publications Quarterly

Panamanian Authorities Have Seized 226 Metric Tons of Drugs Over the Past Five Years

Lead Panamanian drug prosecutor, Javier Caraballo, stated that over the past 5 years, Panamanian authorities have seized approximately 226 metric tons of drugs throughout the country. He also noted that in 2009, 54.3 metric tons of drugs and US\$11,020,304 in cash were seized and 1,157 suspects were arrested (the majority of them were Panamanian nationals).

*Foreign Military Studies Office, Joint Reserve Intelligence Center, International Borders Security Research Team
Open Source Intelligence Summary, 7 January 2010*

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CPQ 10-0045*

Mexican Soldiers Dismantle Drug Lab and Seize Four Kilograms of Crystal Meth in Valle de Guadalupe, Jalisco

On January 5, 2010, soldiers from the 92nd Infantry Battalion dismantled a drug laboratory located at a farm known as La Joya in the Valle de Guadalupe municipality of Jalisco. Seized from this location were 1 weapon, 4 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine, precursor chemicals, several containers, and 3 vehicles. No arrests were made.

*Foreign Military Studies Office, Joint Reserve Intelligence Center, International Borders Security Research Team
Open Source Intelligence Summary, 11 January 2010*

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CPQ 10-0046*

Mexican National Arrested for Money Laundering

Fernando Cruz Tapia, the alleged head of a money laundering network for Mexican and Colombian drug cartels, was arrested by Federal Police in Mexico. Cruz Tapia allegedly laundered approximately US\$50 million through five exchange centers in the Federal District and Cuernavaca, Morelos. After being laundered, the money would be sent to Panama, the United States, Canada, and China. The initial dismantling of the group began between June 30, 2009, and August 20, 2009, when federal authorities arrested Cruz Tapia, a Colombian national, and five other Mexican nationals.

*Foreign Military Studies Office, Joint Reserve Intelligence Center, International Borders Security Research Team
Open Source Intelligence Summary, 13 January 2010*

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CPQ 10-0047*

State Ministerial Police Seize 7 Metric Tons of Marijuana in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas

State Ministerial Police seized 665 packages of marijuana with a net weight of 7,661,500 kilograms from a residence in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas. The seizure took place after police noticed individuals outside the residence acting suspiciously.

*Foreign Military Studies Office, Joint Reserve Intelligence Center, International Borders Security Research Team
Open Source Intelligence Summary, 13 January 2010*

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CPQ 10-0048*

Soldiers Seize Nearly 7 Metric Tons of Marijuana in Culiacán, Sinaloa

On January 15, 2010, soldiers conducting operations as part of Operación Conjunta Culiacán-Navolato-Guamúchil seized nearly 7 metric tons of marijuana from a farm that covered 2,500 square meters. This farm was located in the Palos Blancos village of Culiacán, Sinaloa. Also seized were 1 weapon and 450 rounds of ammunition.

*Foreign Military Studies Office, Joint Reserve Intelligence Center, International Borders Security Research Team
Open Source Intelligence Summary, 15 January 2010*

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CPQ 10-0049*

Mexican Soldiers Dismantle Drug Lab and Seize Drugs in Michoacán

Soldiers from the XII Military Region and 21st Military Zone dismantled two drug laboratories during separate operations in Michoacán. In the first operation, soldiers dismantled a drug laboratory allegedly used for the production of synthetic drugs in the Guapamacátaro village of Maravatío, Michoacán. Seized from this location were precursor chemicals and two flasks. In the second incident, an anonymous tip led soldiers to a laboratory located on Virgo Street in the Laureles de la Ciudad del Sol neighborhood of La Piedad, Michoacán. Items seized from this location were 2 weapons, 1.67 kilograms of cocaine, and 60 kilograms of marijuana.

*Foreign Military Studies Office, Joint Reserve Intelligence Center, International Borders Security Research Team
Open Source Intelligence Summary, 17 January 2010
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CPQ 10-0050*

Authorities Seize 3.5 Tons of Ephedrine in Manzanillo, Colima

On January 16, 2010, authorities seized 612 fire extinguishers holding an estimated 3.5 tons of ephedrine from a shipping container in the Port of Manzanillo, Colima. Of the ephedrine seized, 2.327 metric tons were tablets, while the rest was powder.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 17 January 2010
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CPQ 10-0051*

Chilean District Attorney Investigates Sinaloa Cartel and Their Ephedrine Trafficking Operations Through the Country

The Chilean district attorney's office is investigating a possible link between ephedrine trafficking through Chile and the Sinaloa Cartel. The Chilean newspaper *La Tercera* reports that in May 2009, the various public ministries of the Mercosur countries tasked Chile to carry out investigations regarding international organized crime activity in Latin America with a focus on the trafficking of synthetic drugs and ephedrine.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 19 January 2010
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CPQ 10-0052*

Authorities Seize 9,000 Amphetamine Tablets at Rodolfo Sánchez Taboada Airport in Mexicali, Baja California

On January 16, 2010, federal police and soldiers assigned to the Rodolfo Sánchez Taboada Airport in Mexicali, Baja California, seized 9,000 amphetamine tablets. The seizure occurred at a parcel service known as Vialidad y Carga, where agents searched the cargo from Flight 432, which had arrived from Guadalajara, Jalisco. The shipment was addressed to Victor Montano in Mexicali, Baja California.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 16 January 2010
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CPQ 10-0053*

Mexican Soldiers Dismantle Drug Lab and Seize 480 Kilograms of Crystal Meth in Tepatlán de Morelos, Jalisco

On January 19, 2010, the V Military Region and the 10th Military Zone reported the dismantling of a drug laboratory allegedly used for the production of synthetic drugs. The drug laboratory was located near a village known as La Tuna Agría in the Tepatlán de Morelos municipality of Jalisco. Two individuals were arrested.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 21 January 2010
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Alliances by Mexican Drug Cartels Result in Two Mega Cartels

According to a report compiled by SEDENA and released by the Mexican newspaper *Excelsior*, eight drug trafficking organizations in Mexico have united to form two solo groups in order to gain control of drug trafficking and its associated routes in the country. The Sinaloa Cartel, headed by Joaquín Guzmán Loera, aka El Chapo, has aligned with La Familia Michoacana, what remains of the Milenio/Valencia Cartel, and a faction of the Tijuana Cartel. The second block consists of the Beltrán Leyva organization, the Juárez Cartel, Los Zetas, and the Tijuana Cartel.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 25 January 2010
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CPQ 10-0055*

Drug Trafficking Organizations Find Substitute for Pseudoephedrine

Drug traffickers in Mexico have started using phenylacetic acid in place of pseudoephedrine to produce crystal methamphetamine. This chemical is also used to produce perfume, but according to the Mexican Secretary of Health, José Ángel Córdova Villalobos, the increase in phenylacetic acid importation in the country does not correlate with an increase in perfume production. Instead, increases in its importation are attributed to its use in crystal methamphetamine production.

Comment: Events leading up to the use of phenylacetic acid in place of pseudoephedrine began when the importation of pseudoephedrine was banned after Felipe Calderón took office.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 28 January 2010
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CPQ 10-0056*

Mexican Soldiers Discover Drug Warehouse and Seize More Than Seven Metric Tons of Substances Used in the Production of Synthetic Drugs in Tonila, Jalisco

Thanks to anonymous reports regarding gunmen and a strong chemical odor, soldiers assigned to the 9th Infantry Battalion discovered a drug warehouse with more than 7 metric tons of chemicals used in the production of synthetic drugs. The warehouse was located in La Cofradia village in Tonila, Jalisco. Substances seized from this warehouse included 6,800 kilograms of chemicals primarily identified as tartaric acid and lead acetate, and 200 liters of acetone and thinner. No arrests were made.

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CPQ 10-0057*

Mexican Soldiers Seize 12 Metric Tons of Marijuana in Baja California

On February 8, 2010, members of the 19th Infantry Battalion operating a checkpoint known as El Chinero along the San Felipe-Ensenada highway in Baja California seized 1,203 bundles of marijuana weighing 12 metric tons. This marijuana had been hidden in a tractor-trailer. Arrested as a result of this seizure was José Domingo Morales Bobis from Huamantla, Tlaxcala.

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CPQ 10-0058*

Guatemalan Antinarcotics Agents Seize 100,000 Pseudoephedrine Tablets From Storage Unit at La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala

On February 9, 2010, Guatemalan antinarcotics agents seized 100,000 pseudoephedrine tablets from a Combex (import/export company) storage unit located at the Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City, Guatemala. The tablets were packed in two plastic containers.

Comment: In January 2010, 700,000 pseudoephedrine tablets were seized from a Combex storage facility at the Aurora International Airport.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 9 February 2010
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CPQ 10-0059*

PCD Officers Seize 969 Kilograms of Cocaine and Arrest Two Members of the Juárez Cartel in Puntarenas, Costa Rica

Costa Rica's Drug Control Police officers conducted a surprise operation that led to the seizure of 969 kilograms of cocaine and the arrests of two alleged members of the Juárez Cartel. The operation was carried out at a house located about 3 kilometers north of the Cuatro Cruces highway in Miramar, Puntarenas Province, Costa Rica.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 13 February 2010
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CPQ 10-0060*

Woman Arrested for Possession of \$(USD) 250,000 at the Juan Santamaria International Airport, Costa Rica

Costa Rica's Drug Control Police officers arrested a female Mexican national for possession of US\$250,000 in hundred-dollar bills, hidden in a garment bag at the Juan Santamaria International Airport in Alajuela, Costa Rica. The suspect was coming from Guadalajara, Mexico, and had a return flight for February 14, 2010.

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CPQ 10-0061*

Vicente Zambada Niebla, aka El Vicentillo, Extradited to the U.S.

Vicente Zambada Niebla, aka El Vicentillo, was extradited to the United States on February 18, 2010. He was handed over by Mexican federal authorities along the Matamoros-Brownsville border. Before his arrest, Zambada had acted as the operations and security chief for the Sinaloa Cartel. His ranking within the cartel was considered to be similar to that of Joaquín Guzmán Loera, aka El Chapo, and Ignacio Coronel Villareal, aka Nacho Coronel, the main leaders of the Sinaloa Cartel. Zambada allegedly replaced Alfredo Beltrán Leyva in 2008 and was in charge of drug shipments from Colombia and their distribution in the Federal District, Morelos, and Mexico State.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 19 February 2010
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CPQ 10-0062*

Counternarcotics Publications Quarterly**Panama as the Link Between Colombian Drug Traffickers and the Sinaloa Cartel**

Recently, a group of 22 Colombian nationals were arrested after it was discovered that they had been working with Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán of the Sinaloa Cartel to traffic drugs. Coordination meetings between the two groups frequently took place in Panama. One of the arrestees was identified as María Patricia Rodríguez Monsalve, aka La Señora. She is the widow of the late Francisco Cifuentes Villa, aka Don Pacho, who was assassinated in Colombia. Rodríguez Monsalve took over the drug trafficking business of her husband after his death. This operation covered Córdoba and Urabá, Colombia, and transported drugs directly to Central America and Mexico.

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CPQ 10-0063*

Twelve Arrested in Conjunction With the Seizure of More Than One Metric Ton of Cocaine in Chilibre, Panama

On February 18, 2010, Panamanian National Police seized 1,358 kilograms of cocaine from the inside of crushed beer cans. The cans were seized from a recycling center known as Panamerican Metal near Villa Unida in Chilibre, Panama. Twelve individuals were arrested in conjunction with the seizure.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 20 February 2010
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CPQ 10-0064*

Mexican Marines Destroy Millions of Marijuana and Poppy Plants Throughout Sinaloa

From February 6 through February 17, 2010, Mexican marines destroyed marijuana and poppy plants in three separate operations. Between February 6 and February 15, marines from the 4th Naval Zone conducted operations in multiple locales throughout Sinaloa, including Juchimen, Los Venados, Jajalpan, La Catalina, Rincón de los López, Ciénega de los Lara, El Tiro, La Cieneguilla, Rincón de los Montes, El Chicorato, El Otatilo, Bagrecitos, Lo de Félix, Agua Amarilla, Malpais, and Morirato. During these operations, 95 marijuana fields containing 1,952,789 marijuana plants, 16 drying units containing 72,386 marijuana plants, and 10 poppy fields containing 241,539 plants were destroyed. Between February 9 and February 10, marines from the Topolobampo Naval Sector in Sinaloa located and destroyed 30 marijuana fields containing 1,832,871 plants. On February 17, marines assigned to the 8th Naval Region headquartered in Acapulco, Guerrero, seized 16 sacks containing 317 kilograms of marijuana.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 21 February 2010
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CPQ 10-0065*

Three Face Money Laundering Charges in Conjunction With Recent Cocaine Seizure in Chilibre, Panama

Javier Caraballo, the lead Panamanian drug prosecutor, confirmed that one Mexican national and two Panamanian nationals will face money laundering charges in conjunction with the recent seizure of 1,358 kilograms of cocaine at the Panamerican Metal recycling company in Chilibre, Panama. He also indicated that the two Panamanian nationals were on the board of signatories of the company from which the cocaine was seized.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 23 February 2010
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CPQ 10-0066*

Soldiers Seize 15 Metric Tons of Marijuana in Baja California

On February 23, 2010, soldiers from the 2nd Military Zone seized 15 metric tons of marijuana from a semitruck at a control point along the El Chinero-Ensenada highway in Tijuana, Baja California. It was later reported that this marijuana seizure was one of the largest that has occurred over the past few years.

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Colombian Lingerie Model as the Leader of an All-Female Cocaine Smuggling Ring

An international arrest warrant was issued for Colombian national Angie Sanselmente Valencia after she was identified as the leader of an all-female drug smuggling ring. Sanselmente Valencia was crowned “Miss Coffee 2000” and worked as a lingerie model before becoming a drug trafficker.

Foreign Military Studies Office, Joint Reserve Intelligence Center, International Borders Security Research Team

Open Source Intelligence Summary, 24 February 2010

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CPQ 10-0068

OIJ Officers Discover Three Metric Tons of Cocaine in Heredia, Costa Rica

Office of Judicial Investigation (OIJ) police officers seized 3 metric tons of cocaine that were allegedly abandoned inside two vehicles. It is believed that the cocaine belonged to a network of Colombians and Mexicans. It is also believed that there is a connection between the cocaine seized and the murder of Colombian nationals Juvencio Mosquera Murillo and Armando Emilio Herrera Saa on February 24, 2010, inside the Atrapa2 Bar and Restaurant located on Santa Elena Street in the San Miguel area.

Foreign Military Studies Office, Joint Reserve Intelligence Center, International Borders Security Research Team

Open Source Intelligence Summary, 27 February 2010

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CPQ 10-0069

Mexican National Arrested With \$(USD) 250,900 at the Juan Santamaria International Airport

On February 28, 2010, a Mexican national was arrested for possession of US\$250,900 at the Juan Santamaría International Airport in Alajuela, Costa Rica. The suspect had the money hidden inside his luggage and was coming from Guadalajara, Mexico.

Foreign Military Studies Office, Joint Reserve Intelligence Center, International Borders Security Research Team

Open Source Intelligence Summary, 28 February 2010

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Drug Trafficking and the Entertainment World

According to individuals interviewed by *El Universal*, drug traffickers have relied on using the popularity they are granted by both television and movies to launder illicit proceeds and, in some cases, to smuggle drugs. The Attorney General of Mexico has documented how select criminals have used money they have earned through drug trafficking to finance nightclubs.

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Counternarcotics Publications Quarterly**Drug Traffickers Recruit Terminally Ill and Homeless Individuals as Drug Mules**

Drug traffickers have begun recruiting homeless individuals and chronically and terminally ill patients as drug mules for the international transportation of narcotics. The Colombian daily *El Tiempo* reported that a Mexican national was caught with 130 cocaine tablets in his stomach while trying to board a flight from Bogotá to Madrid. The homeless man, recruited from Querétaro, Mexico, confessed that he had no family and had nothing to lose in the venture. The daily also reported that most terminally ill people caught in Colombia receive in-home detention and/or are able to return to their home country to serve their sentence.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 1 March 2010
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CPQ 10-0072*

Guatemalan PNC Director Arrested For His Alleged Links to Drug Trafficking Organizations

Guatemalan authorities arrested Guatemala's National Civil Police (PNC) director, Baltazar Gómez, for his alleged ties to drug trafficking organizations. Also arrested on the same charges was Nelly de Bonilla, director of the Anti-Narcotic Analysis and Information agency.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 3 March 2010
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CPQ 10-0073*

Heliodoro Castillo Municipality of Guerrero Serves as a Primary Drug Production Point in Mexico

The Secretariat of National Defense reported that the municipality of General Heliodoro Castillo (aka Tlacotepec) in the state of Guerrero serves as one of the primary illicit drug production regions in Mexico, where soldiers destroy an average of 100 poppy drug fields per day.

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SENAN Seizes More Than One Metric Ton of Cocaine Near Isla Grande, Panama

On March 4, 2010, Panama's National Sea and Air Service members, in coordination with U.S. officials, seized more than 1 metric ton of cocaine from the yacht *Caribbean Dream*. This seizure occurred 146 nautical miles from Isla Grande, Panama. Arrested in connection with the incident were one Colombian national and two Turkish nationals.

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CPQ 10-0075*

International Cooperation Leads to the Seizure of More Than Two Metric Tons of Cocaine Off the Coasts of Honduras and Panama

Combined efforts between law enforcement personnel from Colombia, the United States, Panama, and Honduras led to the seizure of more than 2 metric tons of cocaine off the coasts of Panama and Honduras in two simultaneous operations.

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CPQ 10-0076*

Mexican Soldiers Seize 300 Kilograms of Crystal Meth and One Metric Ton of Ephedrine in Tingambato, Michoacán

On March 8, 2010, soldiers assigned to the 21st Military Zone dismantled a drug laboratory and seized 300 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine and 1 metric ton of ephedrine. This drug laboratory was discovered in the Francisco Pichataro village of the Tingambato municipality of Michoacán. During this operation, two individuals were arrested.

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CPQ 10-0077*

Federal Police Officers Arrest Four Norte del Valle Cartel Members and Seize \$(USD) 2.8 Million in Mexico City

Federal police officers in Mexico City arrested four members of the Colombian Norte del Valle Cartel and seized more than US\$2.8 million. According to intelligence reports, this cell of the Norte del Valle Cartel would take cash derived from the sale of cocaine ranging from US\$250,000 to US\$1,000,000 and make dropoffs using compact cars to carry the money. Exchanges were commonly made in shopping plazas in the Mexico City area.

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Open Source Intelligence Summary, 10 March 2010
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CPQ 10-0078*

Authorities Seize 33 Million Pseudoephedrine Tablets in Puerto Cortes, Honduras

On March 8, 2010, Honduran National Preventive Police, with assistance from the Drug Enforcement Administration, seized a shipment of 33 million pseudoephedrine tablets that originated in China. The drugs were discovered in a warehouse owned by Empresa Nacional Portuaria, located in Puerto Cortés in the northern portion of Honduras. No arrests were made, but an investigation is underway to try to determine where the pills were being shipped.

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CPQ 10-0079*

Federal Officers Seize 7,186 Kilograms of Marijuana in Tijuana, Baja California

On March 13, 2010, Federal Preventive Police responded to an anonymous complaint regarding suspicious activity at a ranch known as Rancho Ramírez, located in the El Condor sector of Tijuana, Baja California. At the ranch, police seized 7,186 kilograms of marijuana and arrested three men. According to authorities, the men had hidden the marijuana inside a truck that transported molasses.

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CPQ 10-0080*

Federal Police Seize More Than 7.1 Metric Tons of Marijuana off the Mexicali-La Rumorosa Highway Near Tijuana, Baja California

On March 13, 2010, federal police conducting patrols off the Tecate-Mexicali-La Rumorosa highway in Tijuana, Baja California, observed a truck that sped up after noticing police. This led to a chase that ended at a small plot of land located at the 79-kilometer mark of the highway. Police searched the vehicle and discovered 744 packets of marijuana wrapped in aluminum and clear plastic. In total, the 744 packets weighed 7.1 metric tons. Arrested in conjunction with the seizure were three Mexican nationals.

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Two Metric Tons of Cocaine Seized From Puerto Cabello, Venezuela

On March 13, 2010, authorities seized 2 metric tons of cocaine found hidden in two asphalt graders in Puerto Cabello, Venezuela. The two machines were destined for The Netherlands but sat on the docks for 5 months because they lacked necessary export documentation.

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CPQ 10-0082*

Customs Officials Seize More Than \$(USD) 200,000 at Tocumen International Airport, Panama

On March 13, 2010, customs officials seized US\$249,600 at Tocumen International Airport, Panama, in three separate incidents. The officials seized US\$201,300 from the luggage of a Guatemalan national arriving on a flight from Guatemala, US\$31,900 from the luggage of another Guatemalan national, and US\$18,480 from the luggage of a Mexican national.

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CPQ 10-0083*

Soldiers Dismantle Drug Lab and Seize 2,030 Kilograms of Methamphetamine in Tiquicheo, Michoacán

Soldiers from the XII Military Region dismantled a drug laboratory used for the production of synthetic drugs in the Copándaro village of Tiquicheo, Michoacán. Seized from this location were 550 kilograms of caustic soda flakes, 200 kilograms of pseudoephedrine, 2,030 kilograms of methamphetamine, 800 kilograms of various chemical substances, two AK-47 magazines, and twenty-five 7.62-millimeter rounds. No arrests were reported.

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Federal Officers Arrest Four Members of the Sinaloa and Norte del Valle Cartels and Seize \$(USD) 1.7 Million in Mexico City

On March 25, 2010, federal police officers arrested four members of the Sinaloa Cartel and Norte del Valle Cartel in Mexico City and seized US\$1.7 million.

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CPQ 10-0085*

PCD and DEA Officers Seize More Than One Metric Ton of Cocaine and Arrest Eight in Costa Rica

A joint operation between Drug Control Police (PCD) officers and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents led to the seizure of more than 1 metric ton of cocaine and the arrests of eight individuals in Playa Linda de Matapalo, Costa Rica. The operation began on March 24, 2010, at 0415 hours, when officers noticed that packages of cocaine were being transferred from a boat into a blue Toyota Hiace and a beige Toyota Fortuna. Upon noting the presence of authorities in the area, the individuals in the boat tried to escape. At this point, officers searched for them and encountered another boat, named *Maricela*, that was transporting nine sacks of cocaine.

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High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program

Houston HIDTA

Product may be obtained by contacting the Houston Intelligence Support Center at (713) 936-7424, or online at www.houstonhidta.net/hiscrequest, or through an e-mail request to asaindon@houstonhidta.net.

Houston HIDTA 2010 Threat Assessment

This threat assessment examines the existing factors that contribute to the overall drug threat within the Houston HIDTA. Factors include drug trafficking organizations, specific drug threats, and environmental threats unique to the Houston HIDTA.

*Houston Intelligence Support Center
Threat Assessment, 49 pages, March 2010
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South Florida HIDTA

Nationwide distribution of this product is via electronic dissemination to an approved list of law enforcement community recipients. Document may be obtained from the South Florida HIDTA Intelligence Center (SFLHIC) through the contact information listed after the abstract, or on the state of Florida Criminal Justice Network (FLCJN.Net) at <http://sfisc.flcjn.net>, or via RISSNET at <http://hibis.riss.net>.

The Quarterly Report

This recurring publication provides features of interest to regional and other local, state, and federal agencies concerning counterdrug activities in the South Florida HIDTA (SFLHIDTA). This issue includes two feature articles. The first, "Operation Reindeer," provides information on an SFLHIDTA regional grow house interdiction operation conducted on December 16, 2009. The second article, "Drug Trends," focuses on pharmacy smurfing of pseudoephedrine pharmaceutical products and includes a discussion of the Predator surveillance platform, which will become operational in the southeastern United States and Caribbean areas. Other features include significant activity reporting and a summary of some seizure incidents and related criminal activities in the South Florida Region. Document may be obtained by contacting Mr. Jim Campbell, Senior Intelligence Analyst (Strategic), (954) 430-4849 or by fax (954) 678-9150 (please include your name, agency, and phone number).

*South Florida HIDTA Intelligence Center (SFLHIC)
Intelligence Summary, 10 pages, January 2010
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Network

This monthly publication provides information on criminal investigations, recent court decisions, narcotics, drug trafficking, trends in organized crime, officer safety, training and conferences, and technical updates.

MAGLOCLLEN
Monthly Intelligence Bulletin, 44 pages, January 2010
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MAGLOCLLEN
Monthly Intelligence Bulletin, 47 pages, February 2010
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MAGLOCLLEN
Monthly Intelligence Bulletin, 51 pages, March 2010
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Trade Based Money Laundering Trends and Red Flag Indicators

This Financial Intelligence Advisory, a joint project between the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network and the National Drug Intelligence Center Money Laundering Unit, informs law enforcement officials and financial community personnel of current trends and potentially illicit transactional activity related to trade-based money laundering.

National Drug Intelligence Center/Financial Crimes Enforcement Network
Financial Intelligence Advisory, 16 pages, 8 January 2010
 Publication No. FIN-2009-109193
 LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
 CPQ 10-0092

National Drug Threat Assessment 2010

This report provides policymakers, law enforcement executives, resource planners, and counterdrug program coordinators with strategic intelligence regarding the threat posed to the United States by the trafficking and abuse of illicit drugs. The assessment highlights strategic trends in the production, transportation, distribution, and abuse of illegal drugs and controlled prescription drugs. It also presents strategic intelligence regarding the operational trends and tendencies of drug trafficking organizations and street gangs that distribute illegal drugs, and it highlights drug trafficking trends along the Southwest Border.

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Threat Assessment, 76 pages, February 2010
Publication No. 2010-Q0317-001
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CPQ 10-0093*

Southwest Border Drug Seizure Statistics Reports

These reports are monthly summaries of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data relating to drug seizures along the Southwest Border of the United States. The reports identify trends and patterns of smuggling activity as they relate to law enforcement drug seizures. Their purpose is to help policymakers and law enforcement decisionmakers identify key locations through which illicit drugs are smuggled to the United States across the U.S.–Mexico border (Southwest Border). The supplemental reports—which consist of detailed statistical data provided by CBP, organized into tables by area, port of entry, and sector—are analyzed by NDIC analysts in the production of the monthly report.

Southwest Border Drug Seizure Statistics Report, November 2009 and Year-to-Date 2009

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Monthly Drug Summary, 25 pages, 20 January 2010
Publication No. 2010-R0926-001
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CPQ 10-0094*

Southwest Border Drug Seizure Statistics Supplement, November 2009 and Year-to-Date 2009

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Monthly Drug Table Supplement, 51 pages, 8 January 2010
Publication No. 2010-R0926-001a
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Southwest Border Drug Seizure Statistics Report, December 2009 and Year-End 2009

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Monthly Drug Summary, 27 pages, 9 March 2010
Publication No. 2010-R0926-002
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Southwest Border Drug Seizure Statistics Supplement, December 2009 and Year-End 2009

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Monthly Drug Table Supplement, 51 pages, 9 March 2010
Publication No. 2010-R0926-002a
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Southwest Border Drug Seizure Statistics Report, January 2010

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Monthly Drug Summary, 21 pages, 12 April 2010
Publication No. 2010-R0926-003
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Southwest Border Drug Seizure Statistics Supplement, January 2010

National Drug Intelligence Center

Monthly Drug Table Supplement, 51 pages, 12 April 2010

Publication No. 2010-R0926-003a

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Significant Increase in Methamphetamine Seizure Amounts Along the Southwest Border

This situation report discusses methamphetamine seizure amounts along the Southwest Border as reported by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and it states that 2009 seizures surpassed all annual seizure totals since at least 2005. It also states that Mexican drug trafficking organizations have established new sources for ephedrine and pseudoephedrine and have increased their use of alternative chemicals and methods, allowing them to increase methamphetamine production in Mexico—factors that will likely result in high seizure amounts at the Southwest Border in the near term.

National Drug Intelligence Center

Situation Report, 4 pages, March 2010

Publication No. 2010-S0787-003

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New York State Intelligence Center

Document may be obtained by contacting the Narcotics Intelligence Unit, (518) 786-9228 or by e-mailing NIU@nysic.ny.gov.

Quarterly Narcotics Intelligence Brief

This report informs law enforcement officers about narcotics-related incidents and seizures, officer safety issues, new concealment methods, clandestine laboratory trends and statistics, highway interdiction information, and border/port of entry concerns.

New York State Intelligence Center, Narcotics Intelligence Unit

Intelligence Brief, 16 pages, January 2010

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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Documents may be obtained by contacting the SAMHSA Health Information Network (SHIN) via telephone at (877) 726-4727, on the Internet at <http://www.samhsa.gov/shin/>, or at the web site listed after each abstract.

Similarities and Differences in Opioid Treatment Programs That Provide Methadone Maintenance or Buprenorphine Maintenance

This report states that 8 percent of all substance abuse treatment facilities (1,132) operated an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) in 2008, a percentage that has remained constant since 2002. Of the OTPs that provided methadone maintenance and/or buprenorphine maintenance services, 52.4 percent served only clients in the maintenance program, and 47.6 percent served clients in the maintenance program as well as other substance abuse clients. Facilities with OTPs that served clients in addition to those in the maintenance program also offered a greater variety of treatment types and services than those that served only the maintenance client. Document is available on the Internet at <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/225/225OpiodTx2k10Web.pdf>.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The NSSATS (National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services) Report, 6 pages, 28 January 2010

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Overview of Opioid Treatment Programs Within the United States: 2008

In 2008, a total of 1,132 (8%) of all substance abuse treatment facilities were certified as Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs). Of the 1,132 OTPs, 1,044 (92%) offered outpatient treatment. On March 31, 2008, there were 268,071 clients who received methadone and 4,280 clients who received buprenorphine in facilities with OTPs. There were 654 (58%) facilities with OTPs that provided substance abuse treatment services in a language other than English, either by a staff counselor or through an on-call counselor; 498 (44% of all OTPs) provided these services by a staff counselor in Spanish. Document is available on the Internet at <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/222/222USOTP2k10Web.pdf>.

*Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
The NSSATS (National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services) Report, 6 pages, 28 January 2010
NSSATS10-0128
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CPQ 10-0103*

Substance Abuse Treatment: Addressing the Specific Needs of Women

This Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) assists substance abuse treatment providers in offering effective, up-to-date treatment to adult women with substance abuse disorders. The TIP reviews gender-specific research and best practices beginning with the common patterns of initiation of substance abuse among women and extending to specific treatment issues and strategies across substance abuse treatment services. It provides clinical and administrative information to assist counselors, clinical supervisors, program administrators, and others working with female clients with substance abuse disorders on how they can best respond to the specific treatment needs of women. Document is available on the Internet at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bookshelf/picrender.fcgi?book=hssamhsatip&part=tip51&blobtype=pdf>.

*Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) 51, 367 pages, December 2009
SMA09-4426
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CPQ 10-0104*

Appendix: Prospective Publications

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National Marijuana Threat Assessment

This assessment will highlight significant trends in indoor and outdoor cannabis cultivation, particularly in principal domestic cultivation areas. It will also present strategic intelligence regarding the operational trends and tendencies of drug trafficking organizations and criminal groups that produce marijuana.

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Threat Assessment, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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Dominican Drug Trafficking Developments

This report, produced in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will focus on changes in the activities of Dominican drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) in the United States over the past few years. Topics covered will include the significance of Dominican DTOs in the United States, drugs trafficked, changes in their areas of operation, sources of supply, illicit finance, and their use of technology.

*National Drug Intelligence Center/Drug Enforcement Administration
Threat Assessment, Anticipated Second Quarter 2010
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Panama, the Dominican Republic, and Ecuador: Key Placement Areas for U.S. Drug Proceeds Flowing Into Latin America

This intelligence bulletin will provide an overview of domestic drug money laundering, highlighting the consolidation and flow of bulk cash from the United States into Mexico and other primary placement areas within Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. It will identify the primary money laundering threats within the Joint Interagency Task Force South area of responsibility.

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Intelligence Bulletin, Anticipated Second Quarter 2010
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Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations: Developments Impacting the United States

This assessment will focus on the most prominent Mexico-based drug trafficking organizations (DTOs). It will provide a strategic assessment of the national-level threat and organizational dynamics of Mexican DTOs involved in the production, transportation, and distribution of illicit drugs into and within the United States.

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Intelligence Assessment, Anticipated Second Quarter 2010
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Cities Where Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations Operate Within the United States

This report will provide policymakers with a current estimate of domestic locations where Mexican drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) are known to operate. NDIC analysts have tracked indicators of domestic Mexican DTO activity across the country to determine the potential threat posed by these organizations. To prepare this report, NDIC collected and analyzed data from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in more than 1,200 locations throughout the country.

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Situation Report, Anticipated Second Quarter 2010
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Cocaine Availability in U.S. Drug Markets: July 2008—June 2009

This situation report will provide policymakers with a complete and current picture of domestic cocaine availability. Cocaine shortages were noted in dozens of U.S. cities during the first half of 2007. Since the initial reporting of these shortages, NDIC analysts have tracked indicators of domestic cocaine availability across the country to determine the causes and extent of the shortages. To prepare this report, NDIC will collect and analyze the most recently available statistical and anecdotal cocaine-related data for 51 key regional drug markets in the United States.

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Situation Report, Anticipated Second Quarter 2010
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*National Drug Intelligence Center
Situation Report, Anticipated Fourth Quarter 2010
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Synthetic Cannabinoids and Synthetic Cannabinoid Products (K2, Spice, and Others): A Threat to U.S. Drug Abusers and an Increasing Challenge for Law Enforcement

This bulletin will provide policymakers with an assessment of the threat posed by the distribution and abuse of smokable herbal-blend products that are adulterated with synthetic cannabinoids. Distribution and abuse of synthetic cannabinoids are significant developments in the area of designer drugs that will present unique challenges for law enforcement, toxicologists, medical personnel, and policymakers.

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Intelligence Bulletin, Anticipated Second Quarter 2010
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Arturo Beltrán-Leyva's Death Not Expected to Impact Drug Distribution in U.S.

This predictive estimate report is being produced in response to the death of Arturo Beltrán-Leyva on December 16, 2009. Beltrán-Leyva was the leader of the Beltrán-Leyva Organization, a Mexican drug trafficking organization based in Sinaloa, Mexico. The report will inform policymakers of the impact that Beltrán-Leyva's death will have on drug distribution in the United States.

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Predictive Estimate Report, Anticipated Second Quarter 2010
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The Expansion of Cuban Drug Trafficking Organizations in the United States

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide policymakers and senior-level law enforcement officials with information about current trends regarding the expansion of Cuban drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) in the United States beyond Florida. It will highlight the criminal activities of these DTOs and the impact of their expansion on the United States.

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Intelligence Bulletin, Anticipated Fourth Quarter 2010
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U.S. Southwest Border Communities: The Threat of Criminal Activity Related to the Mexican Drug Trade

This situation report will assess the impact of crimes and violence associated with Mexican drug trafficking in U.S. communities near the Southwest Border. Mexican drug trafficking organizations are expanding their control over domestic drug trafficking in the United States, and their associated drug smugglers, enforcers, and U.S.-based gangs engage in myriad criminal activities along the U.S.–Mexico border, including gun trafficking, kidnapping, human smuggling, home invasions, auto theft, burglaries, and robberies.

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Situation Report, Anticipated Second Quarter 2010
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Vietnamese Organized Crime in the United States

This intelligence bulletin, produced in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will assess organized crime developments associated with Vietnamese criminal enterprises, highlighting significant trends and law enforcement concerns relating to the activities of these organizations. The report is designed to provide U.S. policymakers, resource planners, and law enforcement officials with a focused discussion of key organized crime issues and developments to enable policymakers to allocate resources to support anti-Vietnamese organized crime initiatives.

*National Drug Intelligence Center/Federal Bureau of Investigation
Intelligence Bulletin, Anticipated Fourth Quarter 2010
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Drug Market Analyses

These reports provide a strategic overview of the illicit drug situation in specific High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTAs) and highlight significant trends and law enforcement concerns relating to the trafficking and abuse of illicit drugs. The reports were prepared through detailed analysis of recent law enforcement reporting, information obtained through interviews with law enforcement and public health officials, and available statistical data. They are designed to provide policymakers, resource planners, and law enforcement officials with a focused discussion of key drug issues and developments facing the HIDTAs.

Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

*National Drug Intelligence Center
Drug Market Analysis, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

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Drug Market Analysis, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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Atlanta High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

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Drug Market Analysis, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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Central Valley California High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

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Drug Market Analysis, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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Chicago High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

National Drug Intelligence Center
Drug Market Analysis, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

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Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

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Lake County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

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Drug Market Analysis, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

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Drug Market Analysis, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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Michigan High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

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Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

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New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

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New Mexico High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

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New York/New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

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Drug Market Analysis, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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North Texas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

National Drug Intelligence Center
Drug Market Analysis, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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Northern California High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

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Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

National Drug Intelligence Center
Drug Market Analysis, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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Philadelphia/Camden High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

National Drug Intelligence Center
Drug Market Analysis, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

National Drug Intelligence Center
Drug Market Analysis, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Drug Market Analysis 2010

National Drug Intelligence Center
Drug Market Analysis, Anticipated Third Quarter 2010
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National Institute on Drug Abuse

National Survey Results on Adolescent Drug Use, Overview of Key Findings 2009

This publication provides a summary of drug abuse trends obtained from a survey of eighth-, tenth-, and twelfth-grade students nationwide. It also includes the perceived risk, personal disapproval, and perceived availability of each drug by this group.

National Institute on Drug Abuse
Book, Anticipated May 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-7583
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National Survey Results From the Monitoring the Future Survey 2009, Volume I: Secondary Students

This document reports on the prevalence of drug abuse among students in the eighth, tenth, and twelfth grades. It will analyze trends to understand the changing drug abuse problem and to formulate the appropriate prevention and treatment policies.

National Institute on Drug Abuse
Book, Anticipated August 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-7584
UNCLASSIFIED

National Survey Results From the Monitoring the Future Survey 2009, Volume II: College Students and Adults Ages 19-40

This document will review trends in drug abuse by populations based on gender, college plans, region of the country, population density, race/ethnicity, and parents' education. It will analyze trends to understand the changing drug abuse problem and to formulate appropriate prevention and treatment policies.

National Institute on Drug Abuse
Book, Anticipated September 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-7585
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National Survey Results From the Monitoring the Future Survey 2008, HIV/AIDS

This publication will focus on a range of behaviors related to the spread of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) responsible for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Book, Anticipated September 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-7586
UNCLASSIFIED*

Epidemiologic Trends in Drug Abuse—Community Epidemiology Work Group—Volume II—Proceedings, June 2009

This publication contains the complete set of reports submitted by Community Epidemiology Work Group (CEWG) members at the June 2009 meeting.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Book, Anticipated May 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-7422
UNCLASSIFIED*

Epidemiologic Trends in Drug Abuse—Community Epidemiology Work Group—Volume I—Executive Summary—June 2009

This publication contains highlights of data reported at the June 2009 meeting of the CEWG.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Book, 104 pages, Anticipated July 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-7421
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The Brain: Understanding Neurobiology Through the Study of Addiction: Interactive Curriculum for Teachers and Students, Grades 9 Through 12 (Revised)

This document provides interactive, science-based curriculum supplements for use by high school students and teachers. It includes a printed high school curriculum plus an interactive CD-ROM. It also provides current, research-based information on various aspects of drug abuse and addiction, including neurobiology, behavioral components, and treatment.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
NIH Curriculum Supplement Series, Anticipated May 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-4871
UNCLASSIFIED*

Adicción al Tabaco-Serie de Reportes de Investigación (Spanish) (Revised)

This research report describes what tobacco is, presents current epidemiological research data regarding its use, and addresses the medical consequences of tobacco use. It emphasizes effects on the brain, provides current research findings on use during pregnancy, and discusses treatment approaches.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Research Report Series, 8 pages, Anticipated April 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-4342(S)
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Marijuana Abuse (Revised)

This publication discusses the consequences and effects of marijuana abuse and the drug's potential for treating a variety of medical conditions.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Research Report Series, 8 pages, Anticipated August 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-3859
UNCLASSIFIED*

Prescription Drug Abuse and Addiction (Revised)

This publication describes the dangers of prescription drug abuse and reviews recent research in this area. It offers approaches for patients and providers to help them avoid the misuse of prescription drugs. It also reviews some of the commonly abused prescription drugs.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Research Report Series, 12 pages, Anticipated August 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-4881
UNCLASSIFIED*

Methamphetamine (Revised)

This publication provides a description of the potent psychostimulant methamphetamine, details the effects of its abuse, and outlines the scope of methamphetamine abuse in the United States. It also explains how the drug is used and how it differs from other stimulants, and it describes the medical complications of methamphetamine abuse and current treatments available to abusers.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Research Report Series, 8 pages, Anticipated July 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-4210
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Cocaína Adicción y Abuso (Revised)

This issue will explore what cocaine is, how it is used, what the short- and long-term effects are, how cocaine abuse can affect pregnancy, and what treatment is available for abusers. A glossary and a resource list are available to help stimulate further study.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Research Report Series, 8 pages, Anticipated April 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-4166(S)
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NIDA Notes, Volume 23, No. 1

The lead article in this issue describes how an activity played in the primary grades, the Good Behavior Game, produces a spectrum of long-term benefits in young adults, including reductions in substance abuse, delinquency, and antisocial personality disorder. The issue also provides research findings indicating that youths who abuse opioids benefit from extended treatment with buprenorphine and naloxone. Another feature presents evidence that vouchers can increase the efficacy of smoking abstinence programs for pregnant women and improve fetal growth. This issue also provides a report for people with both bipolar disorder and substance abuse problems that states that "group counseling addressing both conditions is more effective than standard substance abuse group counseling." In the Director's Perspective, Dr. Nora Volkow introduces NIDAMED, the Institute's comprehensive physician-outreach initiative. The issue also reviews the activities of NIDA's Genetics Workgroup in the search for genes that influence addiction.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Newsletter, 16 pages, Anticipated April 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-7441
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Marijuana: Facts for Teens (Revised)

This publication presents current knowledge about marijuana and the latest scientific information on its effects. It provides teens with answers to frequently asked questions about marijuana, including what it is, who uses it, and how it affects a person physically and mentally after short- and long-term use.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Booklet, 20 pages, Anticipated August 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-4037
UNCLASSIFIED*

Marijuana: What Parents Need to Know (Revised)

This publication provides valuable information on the dangers of marijuana abuse. It offers parents explanations of the latest scientific information about marijuana and suggestions on how to talk to teenagers about the drug.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Booklet, 26 pages, Anticipated August 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-4036
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Drugs, Brains, and Behavior: The Science of Addiction (Revised)

This booklet explains in layman's terms how science has revolutionized our understanding of drug addiction as a brain disease that affects behavior. It uses simple language, diagrams, and graphics to help people understand how drugs change the brain in structure and in function. The booklet explores some of the reasons that people take drugs, helps explain why some people become addicted while others do not, and demonstrates how addiction, like other chronic diseases, may be prevented and treated.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Booklet, 30 pages, Anticipated August 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-5605
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Principios de Tratamiento Para la Drogadicción: Una Guía Basada en Investigaciones (Principles of Drug Addiction Treatment: A Research-Based Guide) (Spanish)

This document provides research-based information on addiction, drug treatment, and recovery for new patients in addiction treatment programs and their families and friends. It also helps patients get the most from their treatment and warns of possible difficulties during treatment and recovery.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Booklet, Anticipated June 2010
NIH Publication No. 10-4180(S)
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Commonly Abused Drugs (Revised)

This laminated 8½- by 11-inch color chart will list drugs most widely abused, their trade names and slang names, effects of intoxication, and long-term health consequences. It will include 13 Principles of Drug Abuse Treatment and graphs on drug abuse by students.

*National Institute on Drug Abuse
Chart, 1 page, Anticipated August 2010
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Drug Facts: Shatter the Myths

To further NIDA's outreach to teen audiences, the Office of Science Policy and Communications proposes the development of a teen booklet that would be composed of select Chat Day Questions and Answers and would also include pictures and posts from the NIDA Sara Bellum Blog as well as NIDA's HIV Facebook page. It is envisioned as a colorful, visually appealing publication with illustrations.

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Booklet, 20 pages, Anticipated August 2010
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