

# GA DRUG & GANG TRENDS

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**MARIJUANA GROWS**

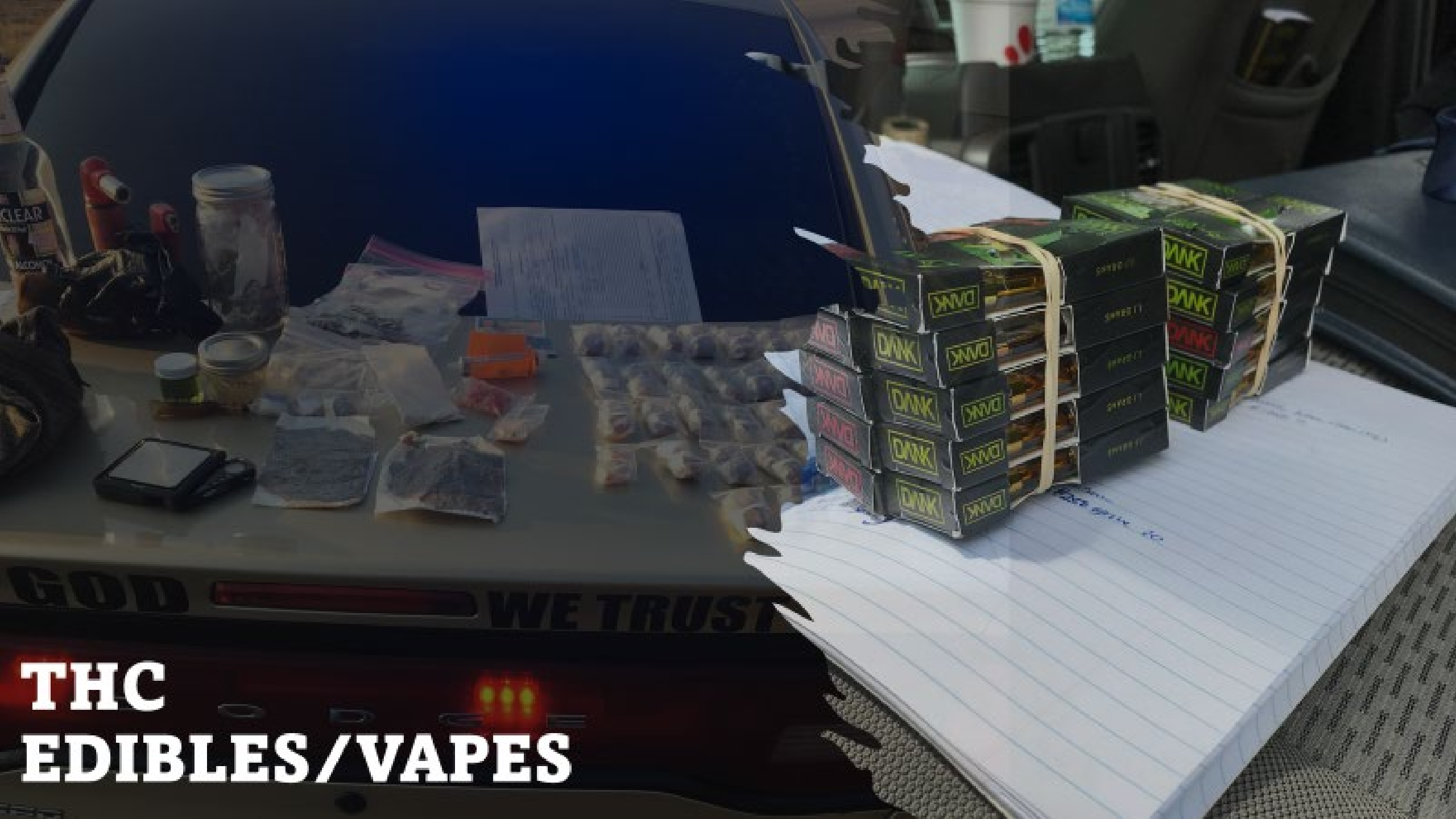












**THC  
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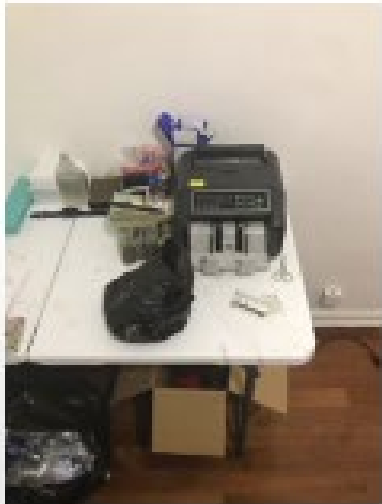




# CLANDESTINE LABS





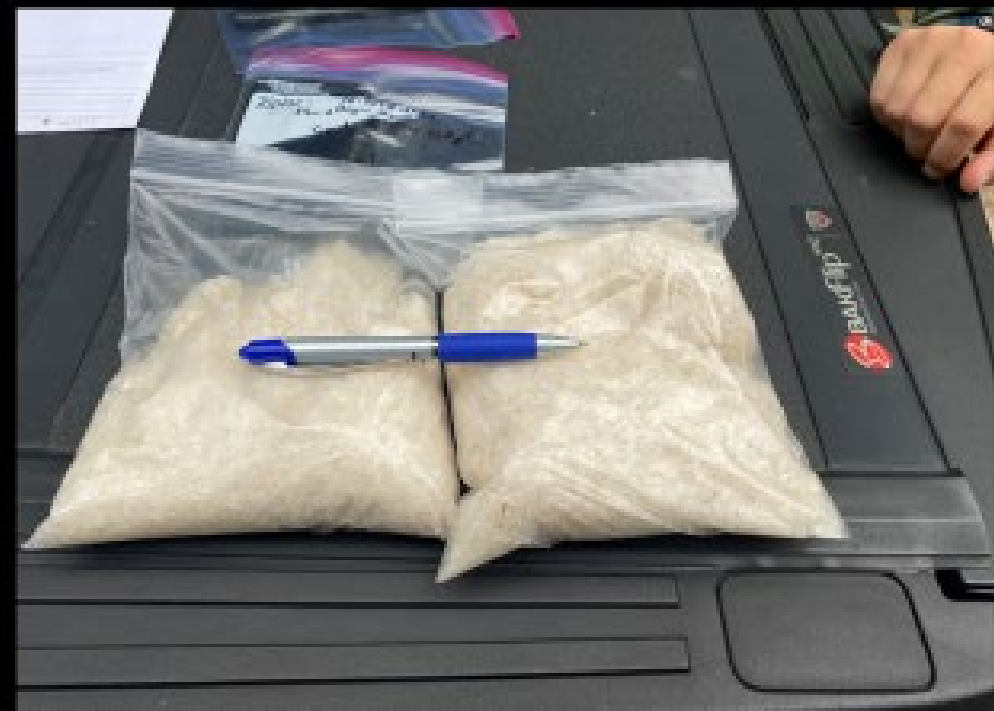






**METHAMPHETAMINE**











**HEROIN & FENTANYL**

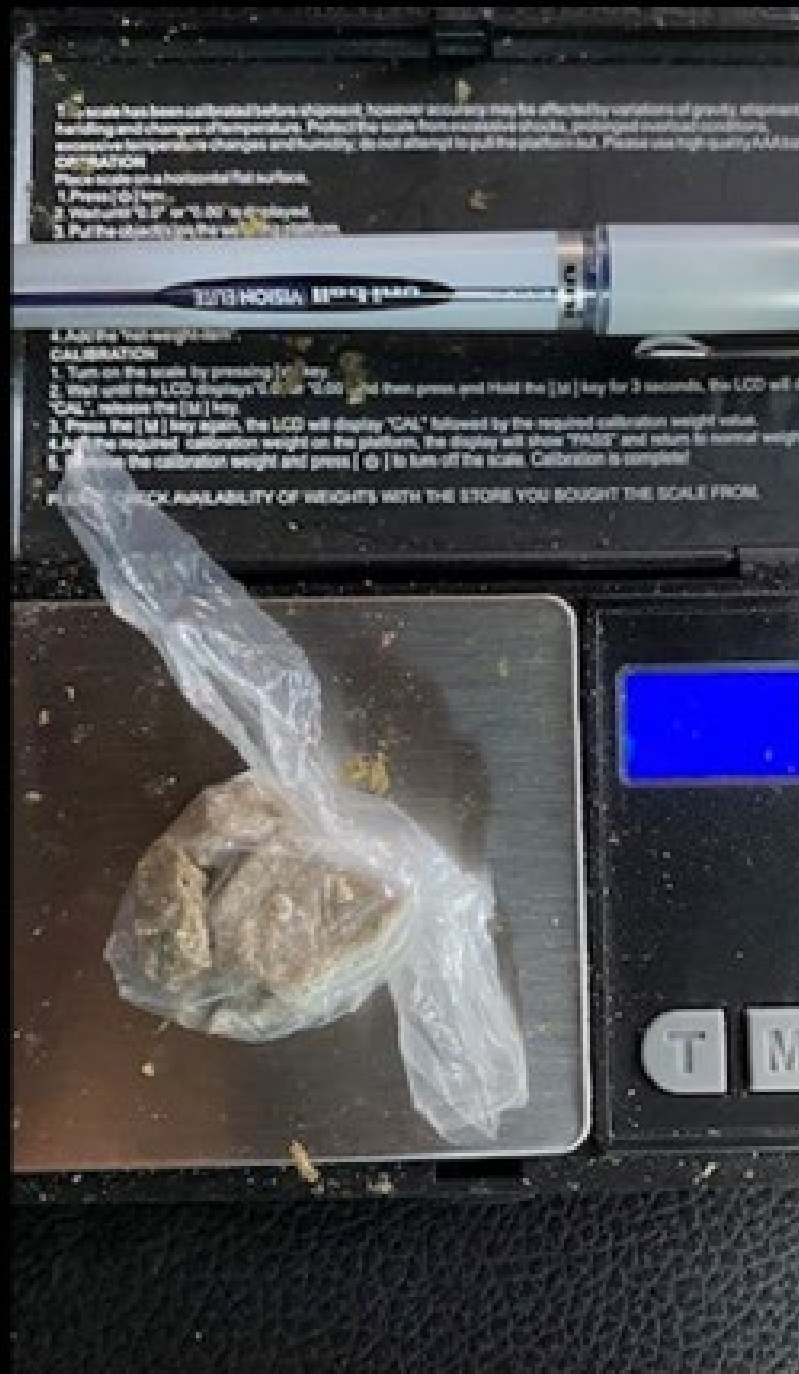
# COLORED HEROIN & FENTANYL



GREEN HEROIN

PINK HEROIN





TAPED UP AGAINST THE  
BOTTOM OF A SINK IN A  
BATHROOM OF A METH COOK  
HOUSE



PRESSED  
FENTANYL PILL &  
BLACK TAR



BLACK TAR  
HEROIN



WHITE FENTANYL



FENTANYL  
CONCEALED IN PILL  
BOTTLE AND BLACK  
BAG-FENTANYL OFF  
THE BLOCK

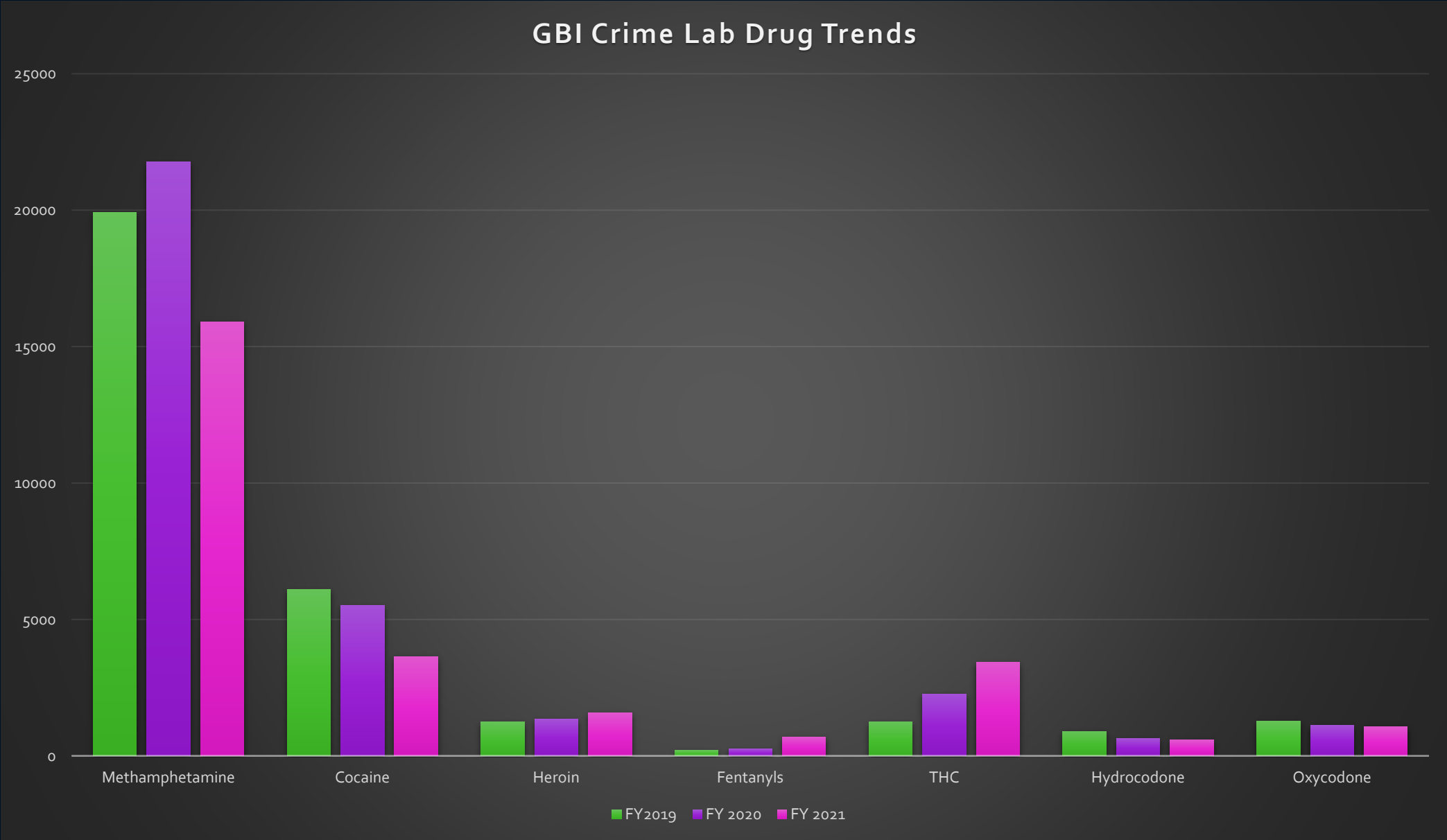


# HANDLING PROCEDURES

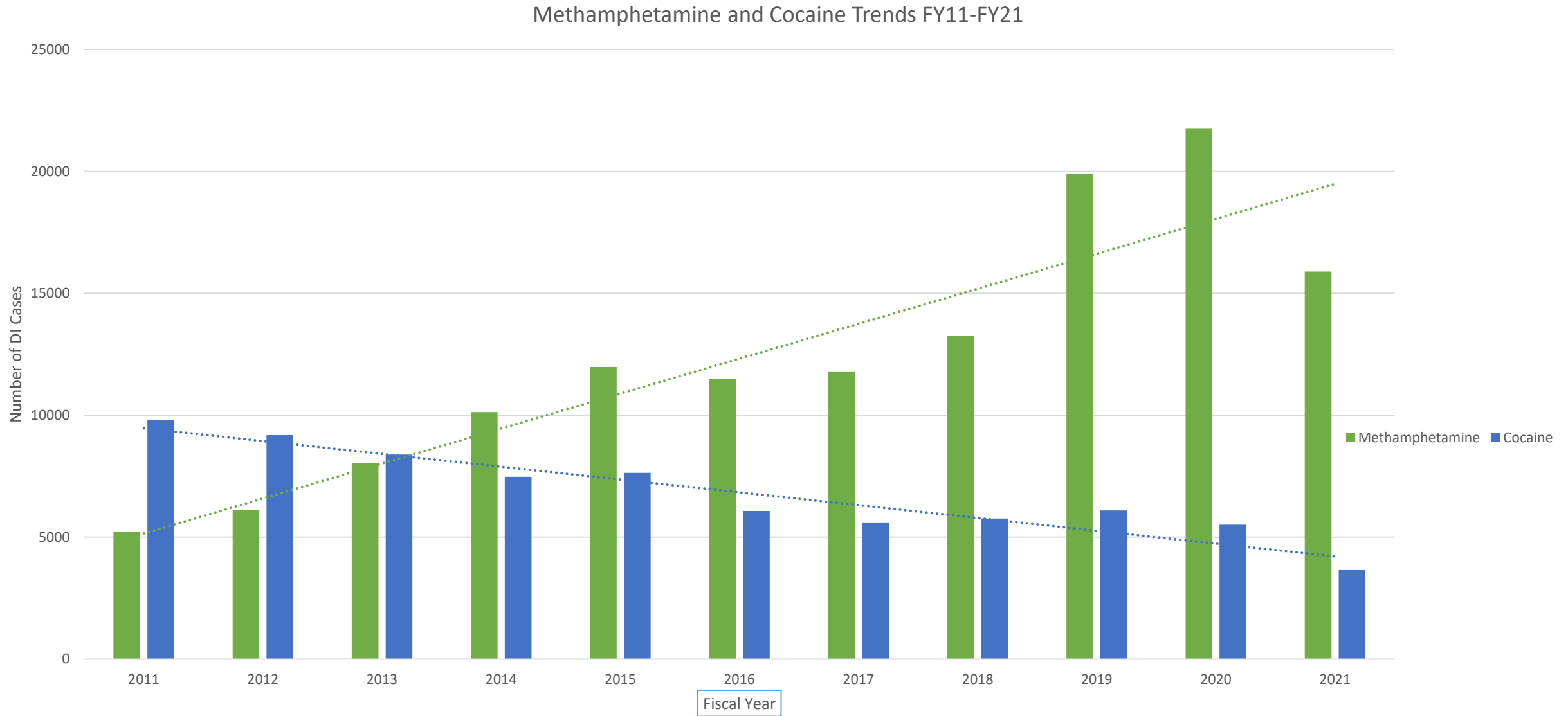
- Do not assume and field test
  - Test kits will show presences of heroin and/or fentanyl but exposure is not worth the risk.
  - Check your departments policy on using test kits for heroin and/or fentanyl.
- Wear a mask
  - If in powder form; we want to avoid it becoming airborne.
- Double gloves
  - Avoid contact with skin
- Ask subject what it is
  - Ensuring officer safety is the way to present it to the subject when trying to identify an unknown powder or substance.

# STATEWIDE DRUG TRENDS

# Overall Drug Results



# Top Two Georgia Drugs





# FENTANYL

- AKA “Fetty”
- Often seen laced onto MJ, Meth, Heroin, etc...
- 50 – 100 stronger than Morphine
- Many variations (Carfentanyl, Flourobutyr, Furanyl, Methoxyace, Etc...)

# Fentanyl

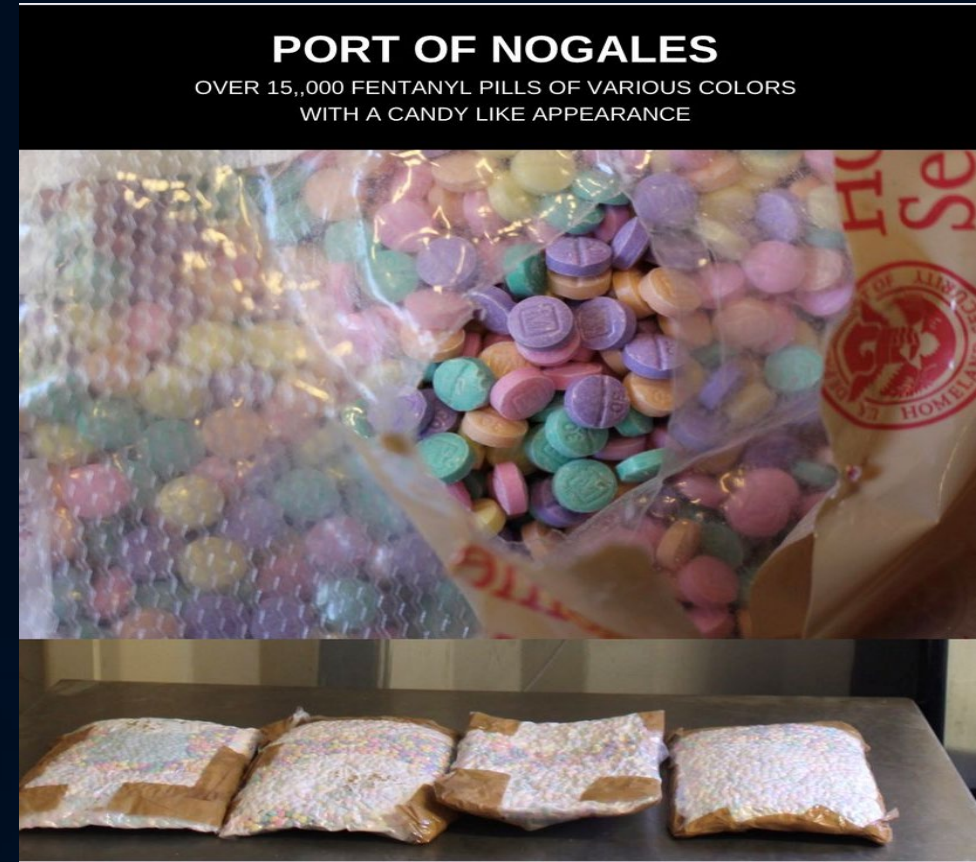
- **CAUTION**

- Do Not clean Skin with Hand Sanitizer;  
ONLY soap and water

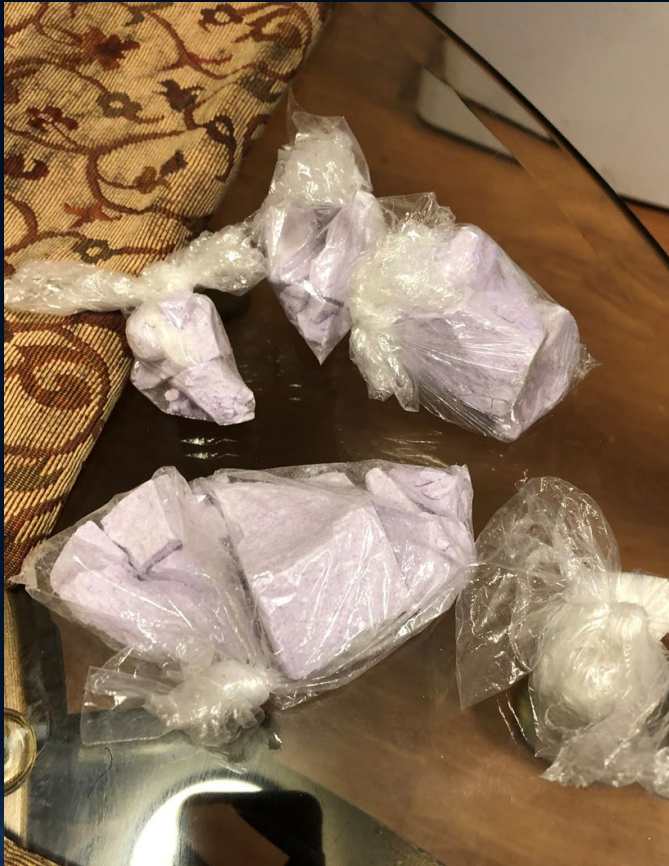




# FENTANYL PILLS



# FENTANYL



- Purple Fentanyl
- AKA "Demon"
- Clarke County
- GBI HQ Lab cases for 2+ years



# SAMPLES TESTED

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# BIBB COUNTY

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# CHATHAM COUNTY

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# FULTON COUNTY

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# HALL COUNTY

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# Fentanyl

- Why is the US in this Predicament?
- Years of opioid abuse in US
- Drug Cartel Profits -- \$200 per kilo to make; 34K on Streets
- Completely Synthetic – Components from China; no plants to grow
- Established smuggling routes

# HEROIN

- Poppies grown in Mexico
- Often Laced with Fentanyl; more impact to user
- “The Bluff” still going strong

# REEMERGENCE OF CRACK



# CRACK COCAINE

- Drug Agents across Georgia have seen increase in Crack
- Cheap but profitable

# CRACK COCAINE



# GA PRISON INFLUENCE

- Organized Prison Gangs Running Drug Game
- Gangs working in conjunction
- Contraband Cell phones
- GDC extremely short staffed



# GDC SHAKEDOWNS















# The Prison Broker System

## How does it work?

- Street level dealers/traffickers (**DEALERS**) use their connections to incarcerated inmates (**PRISON BROKERS**) to develop a source of supply for large amounts of narcotics (**CARTELS**).
- These connections are often made by way of a dealer's prior incarceration, the incarceration of their associates, or both.
- Often a dealer's membership or association with a criminal street gang facilitates their introduction to specific brokers and SOS.



# The Prison Broker System

## Why does it work?

- Insulates the cartels and their local representatives/stashes.
- This system also allows the cartels to work with/through trusted brokers.
  - Generally Hispanic gang members.
- Lowers chance of rips by street level customers and suppliers.
  - By the time a deal is set, a minimum of four people are financially invested.

# CASE EXAMPLE: THE REAL MCCOY

- Identified Prison Broker McCoy through CI
- Identified SOS Hazelwood
- TIII; 5 additional prison brokers
- Street Runners/Facilitators (money holders)

# Case Studies

## "The Real McCoy" (43-0161-21-20)



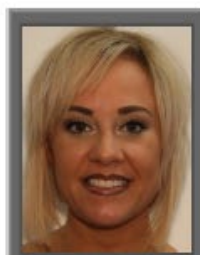
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Christopher Scott MORRIS  
AKA CHRIS



Tyler Murphy MORRIS



Brittany Leigh OWEN  
AKA BRITT



Brandon Sanchez LANEY  
AKA SYRUP



Tanner Evin BURNELL  
AKA EVIN B EVIN



Jessica DARBY



Dennis DEBORD  
AKA NUB



Evan Danny Taylor YANCEY  
AKA TAYLOR



Amanda Fendley VLIEK



Dewane COOK  
AKA CATFISH



Allyson Chandler MOYER  
AKA ALLY



Derick Wayne BARKER



Justin Zane BARKER



Mindy SKELTON



Joshua Ray PHILLIPS  
AKA JOSH



Tricia Louise SETSER  
AKA TRICIA BRADEN  
AKA PORSHA HAZELWOOD



Michael HAZELWOOD  
AKA MONSTER



David Robert SKINNER  
AKA SQUINCH



Casey Matthew PLUMB



Tracy SHIRLEY



Jesse RODRIGUEZ



Orvelin PENALOZA

# Case Studies

## “The Real McCoy” (43-0161-21-20)

- Strategies used
  - No UC buys
  - CMANS case – Historical records and PEN
    - Recognition of number belonging to MCCOY based on CI information
  - TIII
- Results
  - 47 suspects arrested overall
  - 34 indicted on RICO
  - Seizure of approximately \$150,000 and 150 kilograms of methamphetamine





# THE REAL MCCOY




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# PRISON BROKER RESULTS



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