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With a vengeance:
the rise of prescription
narcotics prompts
the return of cheap,
strong, plentiful heroin

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PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

MOST COMMON

Opioids

Oxycodone
Percocet
Oxycontin
Morphine
Methadone
Suboxone

Benzodiazepines

Xanax

Stimulants

Adderall
Ritalin

USAGE

Snorted
Injected

DISTRIBUTION

\$1 per
milligram



Prescription Pills - Depressants

- Xanax, Valium, Librium....
- Treat anxiety and sleep disorders
- Sedating properties
- Withdrawal symptoms can be severe



Prescription Pills - Stimulants

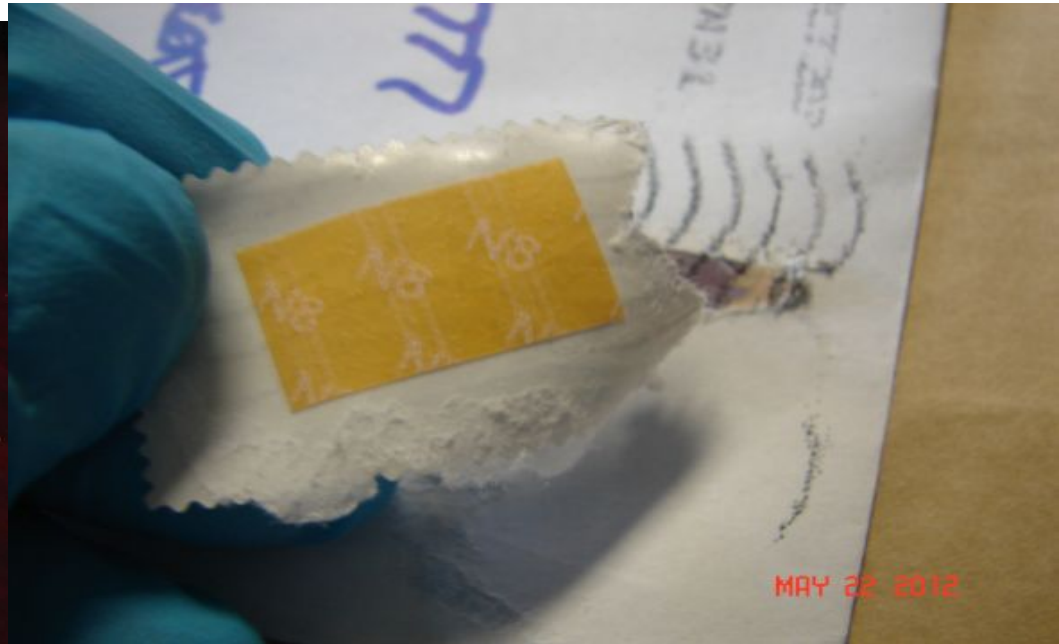
- Ritalin, Dexedrine, Meridia...
- ADD/ADHD, Asthma....
- Energizing and euphoric effects
- Generally do not cause dependence
- Hostility and paranoia
- Great risk of cardiovascular failure and seizures.



Prescription Medication

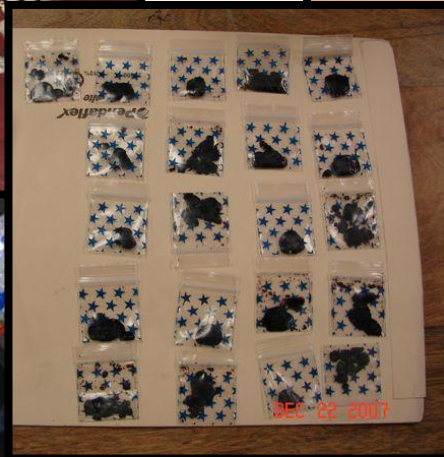


Suboxone Strips





Heroin



Hiding Places





QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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