# NMS Labs Trends Report: Changes in the Designer Drug Market Spring 2012

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WHEN YOU NEED TO KNOW

#### Synthetic Cannabinoids - CA





The Washington Post

# **Entertainment**

Demi Moore friend who called 911 describes actress as barely conscious and convulsing

"She smoked something. It's not marijuana. It's similar to incense," the friend says to the 911 operator.

While Moore's friends don't say exactly what

she smoked, an increasingly popular drug known as Spice is sometimes labeled as "herbal incense."

#### Bath Salts - VA



#### WDBJ77com

Prosecutors seeking death penalty against accused killer Shane Padgett

Padgett is accused of killing and raping teenager Cara Holley in 2010.

What is also critical to point out is that Padgett may have been high on synthetic drugs like bath salts at the time of the offense.

His team has talked with pharmacology experts about what bath salts can do to the mind.



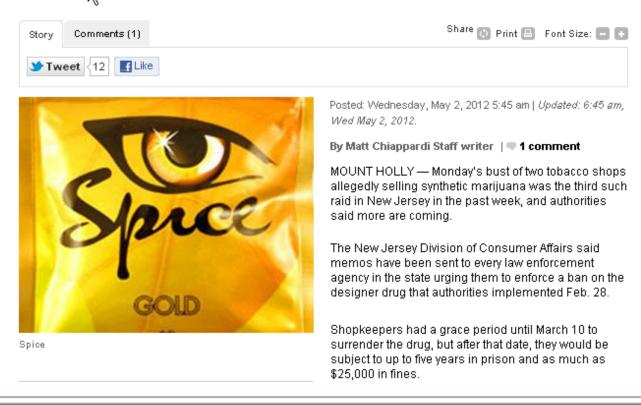
#### Synthetic Cannabinoids - NJ



# philly**Burbs**.com

Courier Times | The Intelligencer | Burlington County Times

# Authorities say more synthetic marijuana raids are coming



#### Bath Salts - NY



#### Sheriff: Scott County man high on bath salts fires 30 shots inside trailer

By Wes Bunch

Published October 7th, 2011 11:20 pm

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ANTIOCH — Scott County authorities arrested a man this week for allegedly firing 30 rounds inside a trailer while high on bath salts

Scott County Sheriff John Puckett said deputies received a call Wednesday evening from a man in the Antioch community who claimed six to 10 people were trying to break into his trailer and that he had been shot in the face.



#### Synthetic Cannabinoids - MI





THE INTERNET NEWSPAPER: NEWS BLOGS VIDEO COMMUNITY

# Tucker Cipriano Charged In Baseball Bat Beating Death Of Father, Robert Cipriano

The Huffington Post | By Kyle McGovern Posted: 04/18/2012 4:11 pm Updated: 04/18/2012 4:19 pm



They broke into the garage as the family slept and stole a credit card that belonged to Cipriano's father from a car, reports say.

Cipriano used the card to buy Spice -- synthetic marijuana -- and smoked it, reports say. Later that night, desperate for more money, he told a friend he needed to smoke even more Spice so he didn't have second thoughts about killing his family, according to the records.

#### Bath Salts - ME



VIDEO

# Police consider buying Tasers to deal with bath salts users



By Bill Trotter, BDN Staff

Posted Oct. 11, 2011, at 7:39 p.m. Last modified Oct. 12, 2011, at 12:54 p.m.



#### Bath Salts - IN





# Bath salts linked to stun gun assault on officer

MERRILLVILLE | A 39-year-old Merrillville man -- who police believe may have been under the influence of bath salts -- took a stun gun from a Merrillville patrolman and used it on another officer, police said.

Perosky allegedly choked the woman late Sunday after taking bath salts and forced the woman out of her bed by pulling her hair early Monday, police said.

Perosky is charged with disarming a law enforcement officer, using a stun gun on a law enforcement officer, strangulation, two counts of battery and two counts of resisting law enforcement in Lake Criminal Court, police said.

# Designer Drugs Trends







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# SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS: TRENDS

# K2/Spice







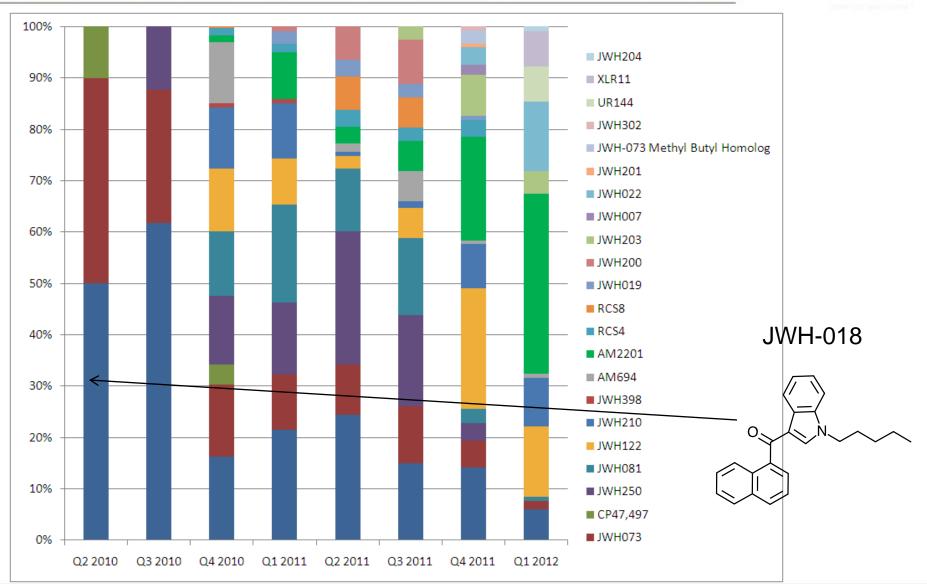




#### What is K2/Spice?

- Synthetic chemicals that look to the brain like marijuana.
- Sprayed onto plant material for smoking.
- Give marijuana-like high
- Sold online and in headshops
- Legal grey area





## Legal Status - Federal



# Temporary Scheduling 3/1/2011 – Synthetic Cannabinoids

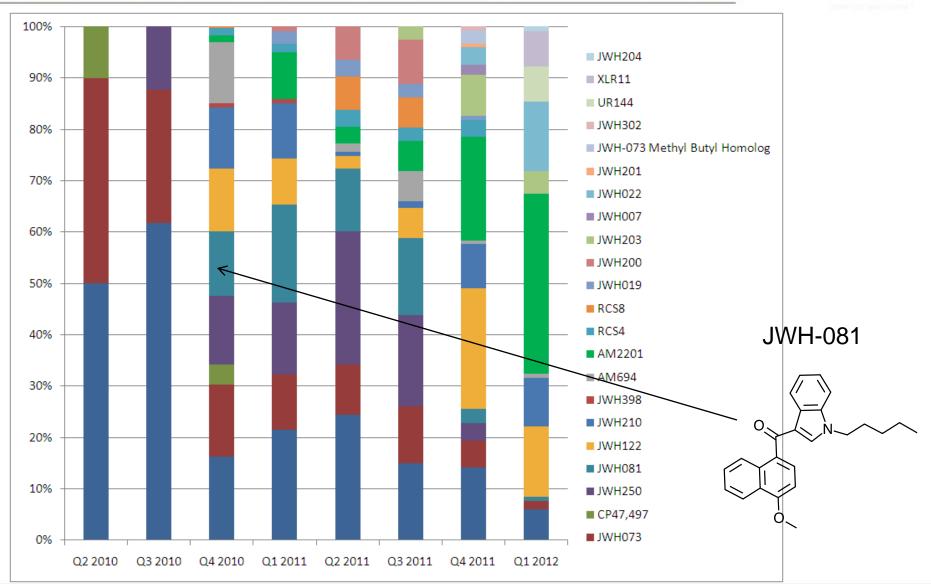
- -JWH-018
- -JWH-073
- -JWH-200
- -CP47,497 (C7)
- -CP47,497 (C8)

Extended 2/29/2012 - 8/29/2012

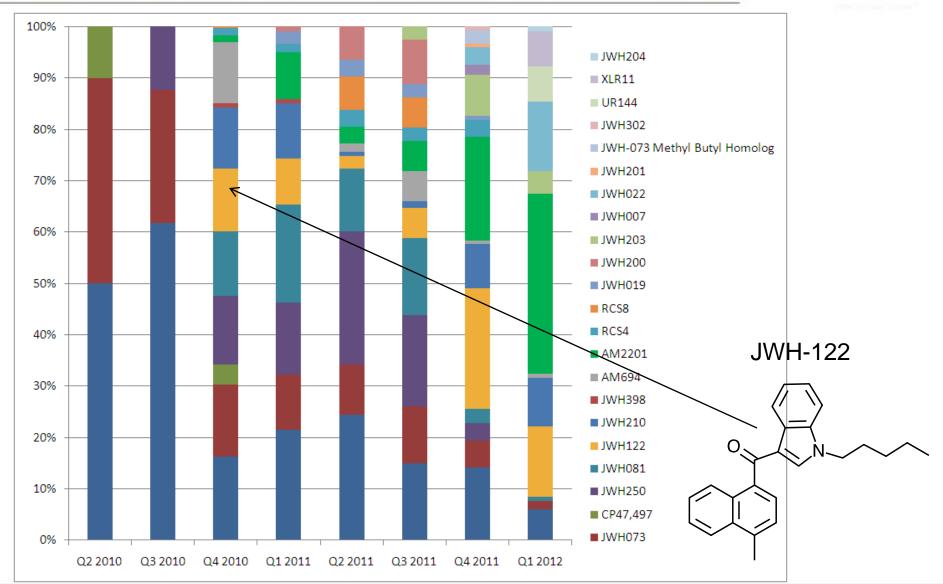


Federal Register Volume 77, Number 40 (Wednesday, February 29, 2012)]

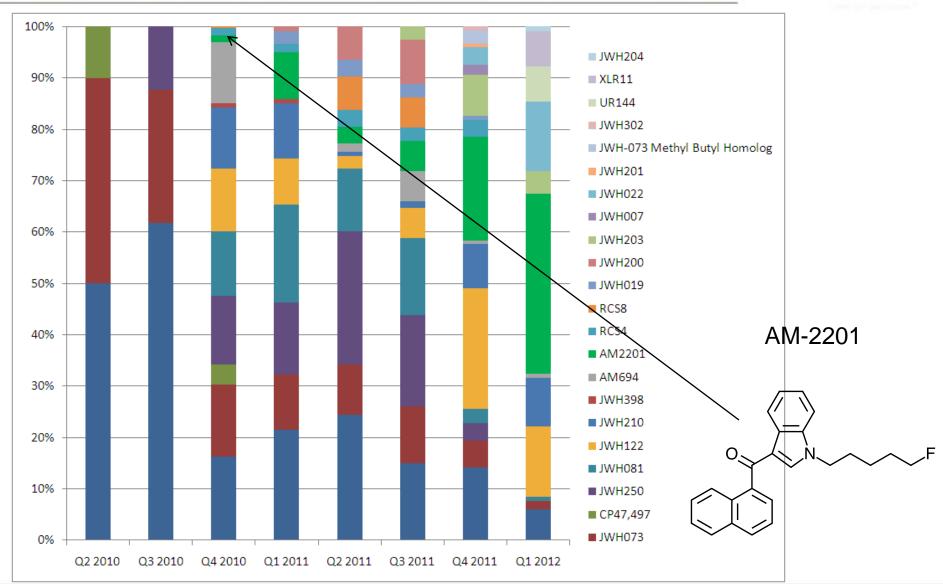




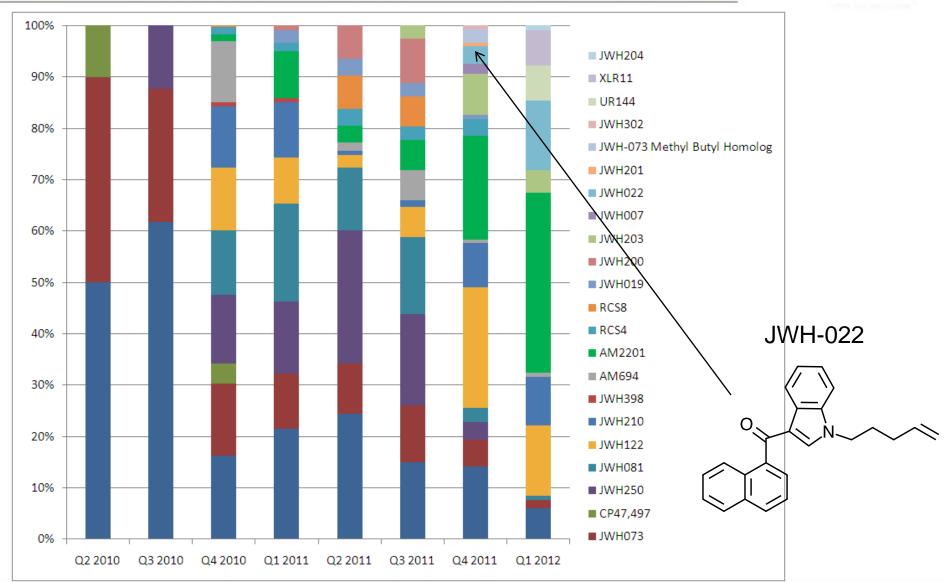




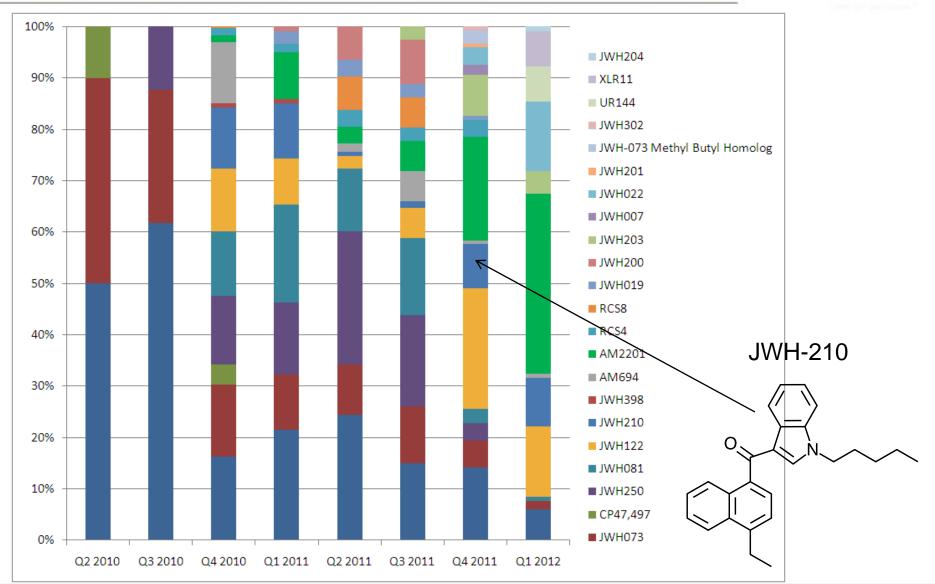




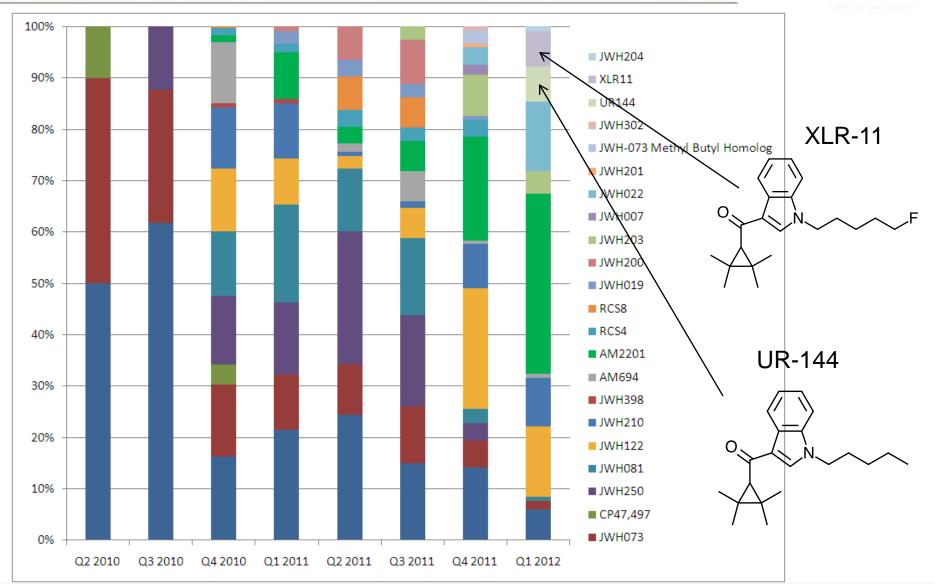












## Chemicals - Summary

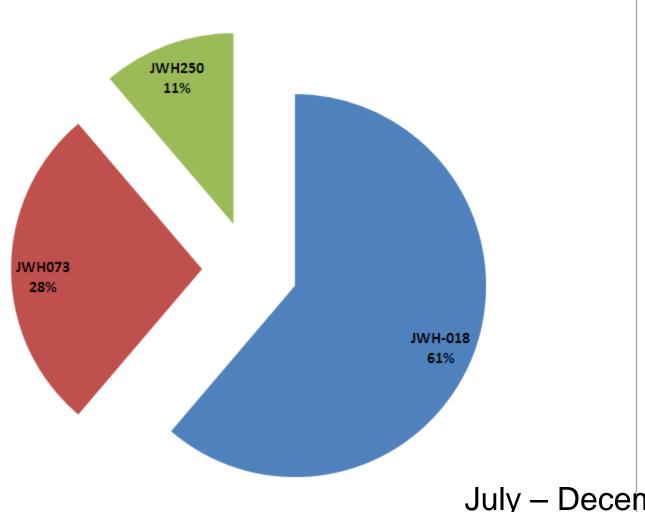


- •JWH-018/073 arrived early and have come and gone.
- •JWH-250 arrived a little later and as also cycled out.
- •JWH-081 was part of a second wave that has already completed its cycle.
- •JWH-122 was part of the same wave but has persisted in popularity and is part of the current scene.



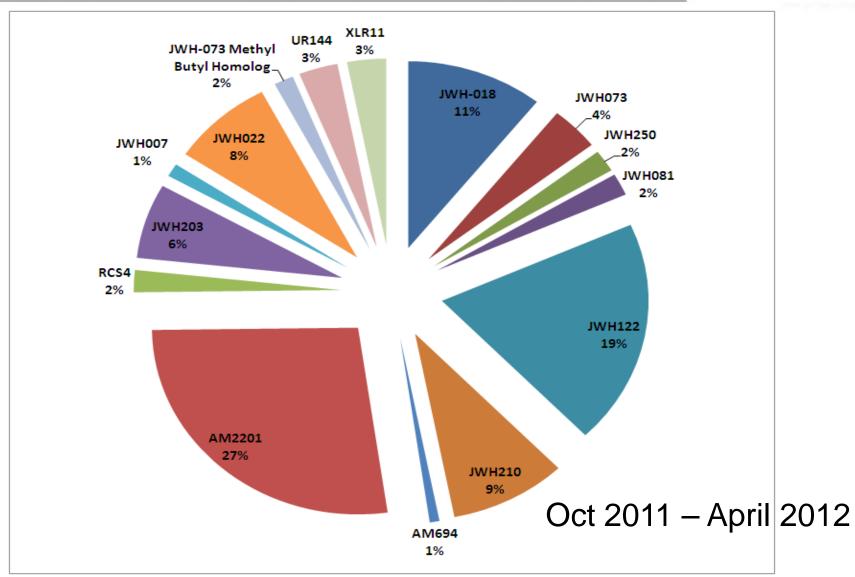
- •AM-2201 was part of the same second wave and has gained in popularity, probably currently the most prevalent.
- •JWH-022 and JWH-210 are showing signs of increasing popularity.
- •Recently emergent drugs are the adamantoyl (AM-1248) and tetramethylcyclopropyl (XLR-11 and UR-144) indoles which are ahead of the latest attempts to schedule these drug classes.





July – December 2010





#### Synthetic Cannabinoid 2010



JWH-018

JWH-019

JWH-073

CP 47, 497 (C7)

CP 47,497 (C8)

WIN 48,098

HU-210

HU-211

#### Synthetic Cannabinoid 2011

JWH-398



HU-210

HU-211

HU-308

HU-331

JT-7770

JWH-007 JWH-015 JWH-018 JWH-018 methyl hexyl homolog JWH-019 JWH-073 JWH-073 methyl butyl homolog JWH-081 JWH-122 JWH-133	CP 47, 497 (C7) CP 47,497 (C8) CP 55,940 AM-694 AM-1220 AM-1241 AM-2201 AM-2233 RCS-4
JWH-200 JWH-201	WIN 48,098 (Pravadoline) WIN 55,212-2 WIN 55,212-3
JWH-203	CB-25
JWH-210 JWH-250	CB-52
JWH-251 JWH-302	
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#### Synthetic Cannabinoid 2012



AM-694 AM-1220 AM-1241 AM-1248 AM-2201 AM-2233 CB-13 CB-25 CB-52 CP47,497 (C7 analog) CP47,497 (C8 analog) CP55,940 HU-210/HU-211 HU-308 HU-331 JP-104 JTE-907	JWH-018 Chloropentyl analog JWH-018 6-Methoxyindole analog JWH-018 1-Methylhexyl homolog JWH-019 JWH-020 JWH-022 JWH-072 JWH-073 JWH-073 JWH-073 3-Methylbutyl homolog JWH-081 JWH-098 JWH-122 JWH-133 JWH-147 JWH-175 JWH-200 JWH-201	JWH-251 JWH-302 JWH-307 JWH-398 RCS-4 RCS-8 RCS-8 4-Methoxy UR-144 URB-447 URB-597 URB-602 URB-754 URB-937 WIN48,098 (Pravadoline) WIN55,212-2 WIN55,212-3
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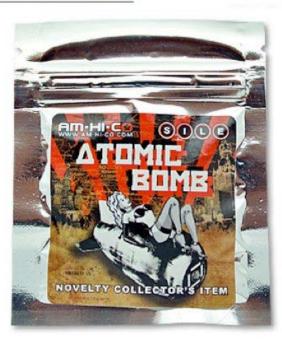
# DESIGNER STIMULANTS: TRENDS

## Designer Stimulants



#### AKA:

- Bath Bubbles
- Bath Salts
- Pond Cleaner
- Soft Drink Additive
- Burial Powder
- Section 1
  Glass Cleaner
- Plant Food
- Plant Vitamin
- Insecticide





# Legal Status - Federal



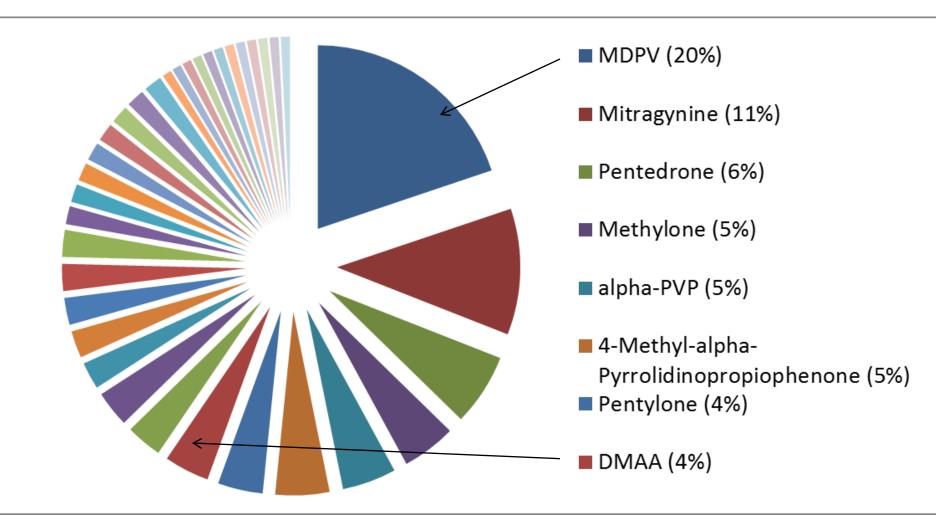
# Temporary Scheduling 10/21/2011 "Bath Salts"

- -MDPV
- -Mephedrone
- -Methylone



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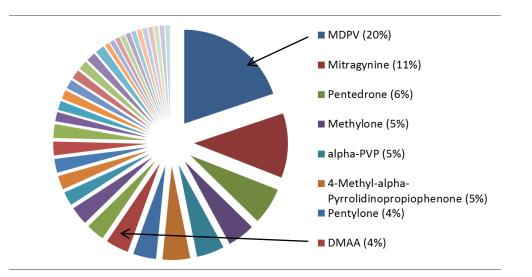


## Designer Stimulants



#### Others include

- Tryptamines
  - \$ 5-MeO-DALT
  - \$ 5-MeO-DIPT
  - \$ 5-MeO-DMT
  - DMT
- β-keto-Amphetamines
  - Pentedrone
  - Suphedrone
  - Mephedrone
  - Ethylone
  - Pentylone
  - Butylone
- 2C (Shulgin) series



#### Bath Salts/Designer Stimulants



DMAA AMT MDEA 2C-B BDB MDMA

2C-B-FLY Bromo-DragonFLY Methedrone

2C-C Buphedrone MDPV

2C-E Butylone Mephedrone 2C-H BZP Methcathinone

2C-I Cathinone Methylone

2C-N DBZP Mitragynine 2C-P DET Naphyrone

2C-T-2 DMA O-Desmethyltramadol

2C-T-4 DMMC Pentylone

2C-T-7 DMT Phenazepam

3-FMC DOB PMA

Flephedrone DOM Pyrovalerone

4-MEC Ethylone Salvinorin A/B

5-MeO-DALT MBDB TFMPP

5-MeO-DiPT MBZP

5-MeO-DMT mCPP ...Plus Other Traditional

MDA **DoA** 



# LEGAL STATUS

# Designer Drugs Trends



#### Is It Federally Scheduled?

#### Is It State Scheduled?

#### Is It a State Analog?

#### State Analog Test (varies):

- Is it substantially chemically similar?
- Does it have equivalent pharmacological activity?
- Is it intended for human consumption?

#### Is It a Federal Analog?

#### Federal Analog Test:

- Is it substantially chemically similar?
- Does it have equivalent pharmacological activity?
- Is it intended for human consumption?

## PA State Analog Law



**Pennsylvania:** 35 P.S. § 780-102; "Designer drug' means a substance other than a controlled substance that is intended for human consumption <u>and</u> that either has a chemical structure substantially similar to that of a controlled substance in Schedules I, II or III of this act <u>or</u> that produces an effect substantially similar to that of a controlled substance in Schedules I, II or III.

Examples of chemical classes in which designer drugs are found include, but are not limited to, the following: Phenethylamines, N-substituted piperidines, morphinans, ecgonines, quinazolinones, substituted indoles and arylcycloalkylamines.

## **Congressional Action**



#### H.R. 1254: Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011

Amends the Controlled Substances Act to add as schedule I controlled substances: (1) any material, compound, mixture, or preparation which contains cannabimimetic agents (or the salts, isomers, or salts of isomers thereof), including: any substance that is a cannabinoid receptor type 1 (CB1 receptor)

Specifically: CP-47,497, JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-019, JWH-200, JWH-250, JWH-081, JWH-122, JWH-398, AM-2201, AM-694, RCS-8, RCS-4, JWH-203.

http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr1254rfs/pdf/BILLS-112hr1254rfs.pdf

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Mephedrone, MDPV, Methylone, naphyrone, flephedrone, methedrone, Bk–PMMA, Ethcathinone, ethylone, butylone, metamfepramone, alpha-PPP, MOPPP, MDPPP, alpha-PVP, MDAI, 3-fluoromethcathinone, MPBP, 2C–E, 2C–D, 2C–C, 2C–I, 2C–T–2, 2C–T–4, 2C–H, 2C–N, 2C–P

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#### Includes:

Any substance that is a cannabinoid receptor type 1 (CB1 receptor) agonist as demonstrated by binding studies and functional assays within any of the following structural classes:

- 2-(3-hydroxycyclohexyl)phenol with substitution ...
- 3-(1-naphthoyl)indole or 3-(1-naphthylmethane)indole by substitution ...
- 3-(1-naphthoyl)pyrrole by substitution ...
- 1-(1-naphthylmethylene)indene ...
- 3-phenylacetylindole or 3-benzoylindole by substitution ...

## **Congressional Action**



### Rand Paul, In Ongoing Opposition To Synthetic Drugs Ban, Cited Threat Of 'Radical Islam'



# Synthetic Cannabinoids Analogs



AM-1248

## Forensic Community



# Advisory Committee for the Evaluation of Controlled Substance Analogs

- Primary Objective: create a comprehensive, scientifically sound method for evaluating non-controlled drugs for analog status
- Seek community consensus and peer review of our proposed method
- Advise and train laboratory, law enforcement, and legal personnel in our scientific method
- End Goal: Create consensus thereby removing the "expert" v. "expert" scenario from the courtroom when the opinion held by each expert is solely his own

### Members and Actions



- Currently consists of 20 chemists from federal, state, and private labs, academia and law
- Met at MAAFS (May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>) to organize and strategize
- Aggressive timeline to have a working document prepared by AAFS in Feb 2013 (if not sooner)
- Workshop scheduled at ACS Meeting, Phila. August 23rd
- For More Information Contact:

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# TRENDS IN BIOLOGICAL FLUIDS ANALYSIS

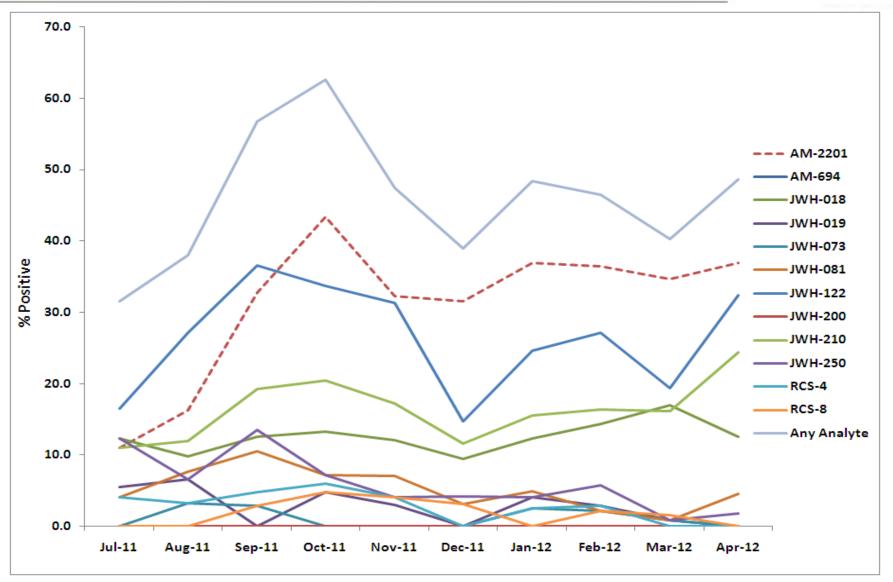
## Synthetic Cannabinoids in Blood



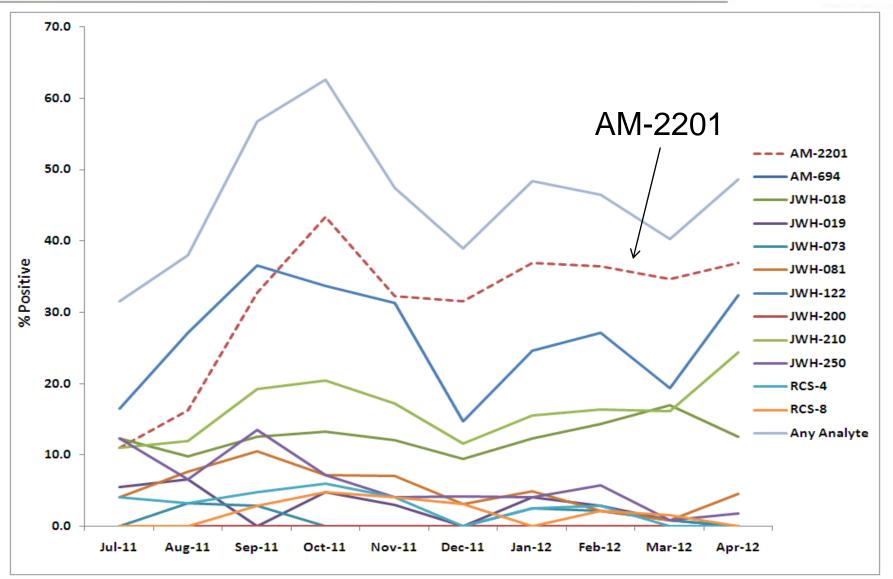
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- Development and Validation of a Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry Method for the Identification and Quantification of JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-019, and JWH-250 in Human Whole Blood.
- J Anal Toxicol. 2011;35(7):386-93.
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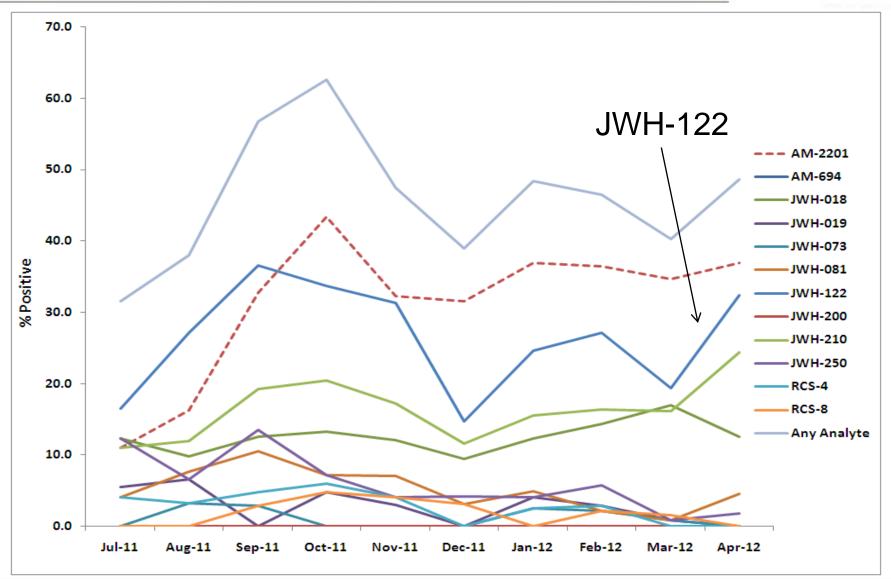




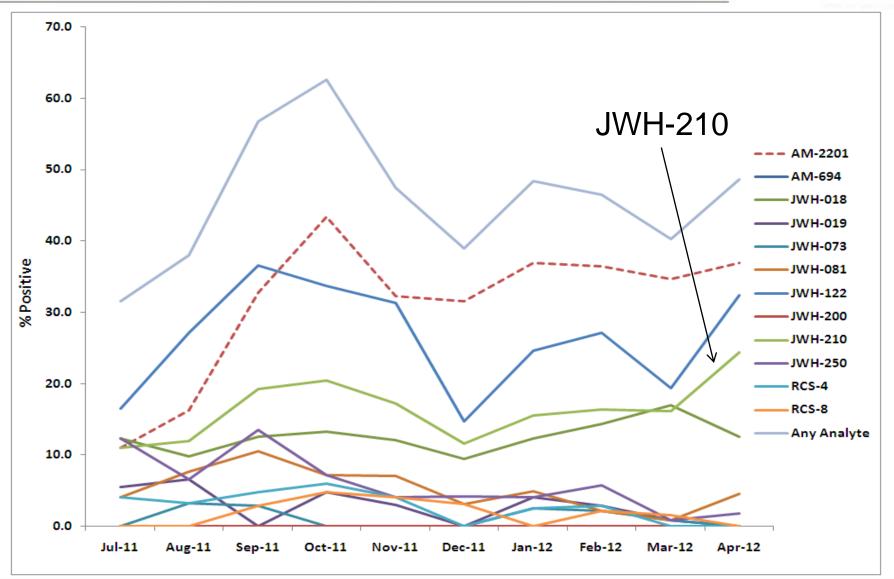












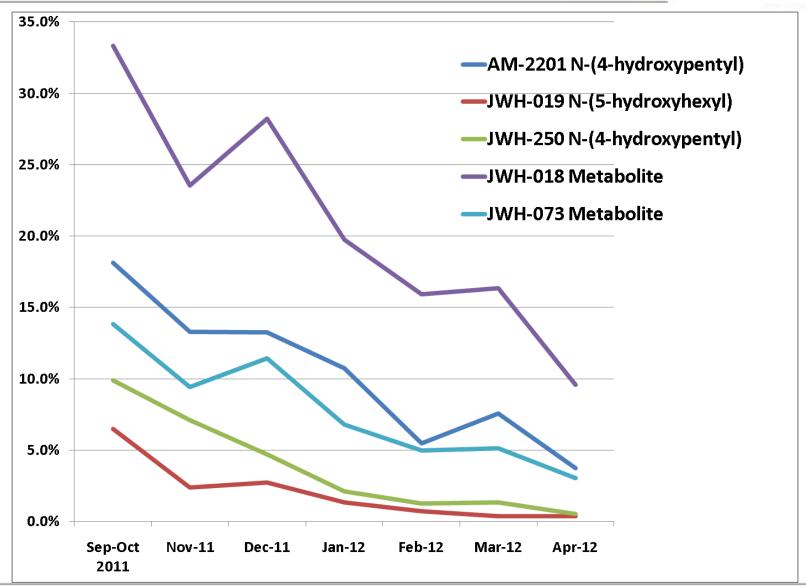
## Synthetic Cannabinoids in Blood 2012



2010	2011	2012
JWH-018	AM-2201	AM-2201
JWH-073	AM-694	AM-694
JWH-019	JWH-018	JWH-018
JWH-250	JWH-019	JWH-019
	JWH-073	JWH-073
	JWH-081	JWH-081
	JWH-122	JWH-122
	JWH-175	JWH-175
	JWH-200	JWH-200
	JWH-210	JWH-210
	JWH-250	JWH-250
	RCS-4	RCS-4
	RCS-8	RCS-8
		UR-144
		XLR-11
		JWH-022
		JWH-203

# Urine K2/Spice - Positivity





## NMS Labs SynCann ™ I and II ELISA



# NMS Labs Adopts Synthetic Cannabinoids ELISA

Two complementary ELISA's developed and validated.

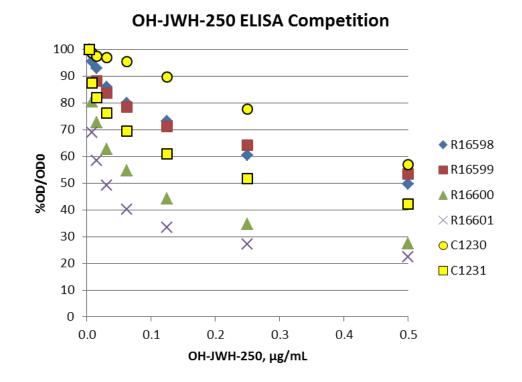
For Forensic Use Only.

All ELISA screens confirmed by LCMSMS

Relative to current confirmatory scope:

>96% Sensitivity

100% Selectivity



## NMS Labs SynCann TM I and II ELISA



### Over fifty known cross-reacting species

**JWH 250** JWH 250 N-(4-Hydroxypentyl) met JWH 250 N-(5-hydroxypentyl) met JWH-018 6-hydroxyindole met JWH-018 7-hydroxyindole met JWH-073 N-butanoic acid met RCS-8 AM 2201 AM2201 N-(4-hydroxypentyl) met AM-2233 AM-694 JWH 022 **JWH 081** JWH 081 N-(4-hydroxypentyl) met JWH 081 N-(5-hydroxypentyl) met **JWH 098 JWH 122** JWH 122 N-(5-hydroxypentyl) met

JWH 200 **JWH 210** JWH 210 N-(4-hydroxypentyl) met JWH 210 N-(5-hydroxypentyl) met JWH 250 N-(4-Hydroxypentyl) met JWH 250 N-(5-hydroxypentyl) met JWH 018 N-(5-chloropentyl) analog JWH-018 4-hydroxyindole met JWH-018 4-hydroxypentyl met JWH-018 5-hydroxyindole met JWH-018 6-hydroxyindole met JWH-018 7-hydroxyindole m JWH-018 N-(5-hydroxypentyl) met JWH-018 N-pentanoic acid met **JWH 019** JWH-019 N-(5-hydroxyhexyl) met **JWH 073** JWH-073 4-hydroxyindole met ...OTHERS

## NMS Labs Synthetic Cannabinoids in Urine



Current	Effective June 18th
9562U Screen – Expanded, Urine (Forensic)	9562U Screen – Expanded, Urine (Forensic)
LCMS/MS, confirmation by repeat	ELISA screen, confirmation by LCMS/MS
AM2201, JWH-018, JWH-019, JWH-073, JWH 250	AM2201, JWH-018, JWH-019, JWH-073, JWH 250, JWH 122, JWH 081, JWH 210, (RCS4)
7 Analytes	15 Analytes
\$95	\$95



# **OUTLOOK FOR 2012**

## K2/Spice and Lethality





Anderson University basketball player Lamar Jack died after ingesting a chemical that is a key ingredient in synthetic marijuana, the county corner said Saturday.

Anderson County Coroner Greg Shore said specialists from an accredited laboratory in Pennsylvania ran toxicology tests and analyzed blood samples that were taken when Jack was admitted to AnMed Health Medical Center in Anderson. The lab testing and analysis revealed that Jack had the chemical JWH-018 in his body when he collapsed during a preseason warm-up with his team on Sept. 30. Just days later, on Oct. 4, Jack died. He was 19.



On the basis of an autopsy and the toxicology test results, Shore is ruling Jack's death accidental — caused by "acute drug toxicity with excited delirium that led to multiple organ failure."

## K2/Spice Behavioral Effects





Home: News: Local News: Mobile County:



#### Deputy: Suspect smoked "Gorilla Spice"

Updated: Friday, 20 Apr 2012, 9:42 PM CDT Published: Sunday, 22 Apr 2012, 10:00 AM CDT

SEMMES, Ala. (WALA) - The Mobile County Sheriff's Office says they were called to the 2700 block of Sun Valley Road in Semmes for a possible home invasion assault.

Deputies say a 74-year-old woman was in her bedroom when she heard someone say, "I'm gonna show you, old lady." She said the suspect then hit her in the head. She told deputies she did not know what she had been hit with or who hit her.

The victim was taken to a hospital, where she was treated and released.

## Designer Drug Outlook

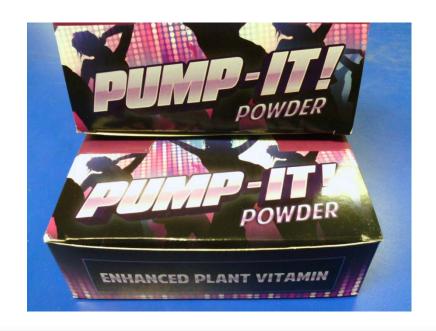


#### Cannabinoids

- More non-benzyl/naphthoyl indoles
  - Adamantoyl
  - Tetramethylcyclopropopyl
  - Halogenated derivatives
- FAAH Inhibitors
- More cocktails

#### Stimulants/Hallucinogens

- Benzofurans
- Aminoindanes
- DMAA



## The Future





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#### Drug and Alcohol Dependence

journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/drugalcdep



Short communication

A survey study to characterize use of Spice products (synthetic cannabinoids)

Ryan Vandrey<sup>a,\*</sup>, Kelly E. Dunn<sup>a</sup>, Jeannie A. Fry<sup>a</sup>, Elizabeth R. Girling<sup>a,b</sup>

The most frequently reported reason for using Spice products was for the pleasurable effects associated with intoxication. One in five participants reported that Spice products were their current "drug of choice," and many reported continued use of Spice products following local legislation banning these products or their constituents. These findings are important because they suggest an established market for synthetic cannabinoids exists. Thus, legislation prohibiting these products and/or availability of commercial drug testing resources to identify use of Spice products may not eliminate use.

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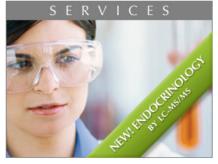


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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



NMS Labs is proud to announce the following live webinar on Designer Drug Trends:

Trends Report on
Changes in the Designer Drug Market:
Spring 2012, hosted by: Dr. Barry K. Logan,

#### RESEARCH



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