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### Marijuana: Workplace Risk, Part III

#### Arrests & Sentencing

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, there were an estimated total of 1,841,182 state and local arrests for drug abuse violations in the United States during 2007. Of these drug abuse violation arrests, 5.3% were for the sale/manufacture of marijuana and 42.1% were for marijuana possession. According to the National Drug Intelligence Center there were 5,039 Federal marijuana-related arrests during 2006. This is down from the 5,599 such arrests during 2005. According to a 2004 Bureau of Justice Statistics survey of state and Federal prisoners, approxi-



mately 12.7% of state prisoners and 12.4% of Federal

*“The threat associated with marijuana traffic and abuse is rising”*

prisoners were serving time for a marijuana-related offense. This is a decrease from 1997 when the figures were 12.9% and 18.9%, respectively. During FY 2007, there were 6,299 Federal offenders sentenced for marijuana-related charges in U.S. Courts. Approximately 96.9% of these cases involved trafficking and 2.5% of cases involved simple possession.

#### Production & Trafficking

The threat associated with marijuana trafficking and abuse is rising, which is largely the result of a growing demand for high-potency marijuana and a related increase in the drug's availability. An increase in domestic cannabis

cultivation by drug trafficking organizations contributes to this threat, particularly the recent expansion of cultivation operations by Mexican, Asian and Cuban organizations. Most foreign-source marijuana smuggled into the United States enters through or between points of entry at the U.S.-Mexico border. During 2006, 1,115,710 kilograms of marijuana were seized along the Southwest Border. Cannabis cultivation in

cultivation and marijuana production within the United States coincide with the continued flow of marijuana from foreign sources, which may lead to market saturation in major markets. This saturation could reduce the price of the drug significantly. According to combined 2002, 2003 and 2004 NSDUH data, more than three fourths (78.2%) of the past year marijuana users aged 18 to 25 bought their most

recently used marijuana from a friend. The majority (56.0%) of past year marijuana users aged 18 to 25 bought their most recently used marijuana inside a

home, apartment or dormitory. Source: Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Marijuana Street Terms

Term	Definition	Term	Definition
420	Marijuana use	Homegrown	Marijuana
BC bud	High-grade marijuana from Canada	Hydro	Marijuana grown in water (hydroponic)
Bud	Marijuana	Indo	Marijuana term from Northern CA
Chronic	Marijuana	Kind bud	High quality marijuana
Dope	Marijuana	Mary Jane	Marijuana
Ganja	Marijuana; term from Jamaica	Shake	Marijuana
Herb	Marijuana	Sinsemilla	Potent Marijuana

Mexico remains high and most of the marijuana produced in that country is destined for U.S. drug markets. Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (DCE/SP) data indicate that a total of 5,231,658 marijuana plants were seized in the U.S. during 2006. This is up from 4,209,086 plants seized during 2005. The recent increases in cannabis

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