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Drugs Other Than Nicotine in E-cigarette Liquids Findings from Dr. Michelle Peace

[Dr. Michelle Peace](#) is a researcher and Associate Professor in the Department of Forensic Science at Virginia Commonwealth University. She performs research in the field of forensic toxicology and ODP had the pleasure of listening to her present at the 2018 Northwest Alcohol Conference. She presented findings from her research examining the content of e-cigarette liquids and use of e-cigarettes as illicit drug delivery systems. As we know, e-cigarettes were developed as an alternative to combustible cigarettes, but as their popularity has grown so has their use with drugs other than nicotine and non-FDA-approved substances. Below are findings from some of her research.

[An Assessment of 29 commercially available products used in or advertised as e-cigarette formulations found:](#)

- 4 samples contained constituents of Kratom
- 3 samples contained the synthetic cannabinoid Fubinaca
- 5 samples contained apomorphine and/or nuciferine
- 3 samples contained caffeine and one, melatonin

- 4 sampled labeled to contain THC and/or cannabidiol (CBD) contained both the labeled cannabinoids and unlabeled cannabinoids

An Analysis of commercial marijuana e-cigarette formulations ([link to public article](#)) sold under brand Liberty Reach found:

- The product contained 42.6% THC And 0.5% CBD while labeled as 69% THC and 1% CBD.
- Additional unlabeled cannabinoids and marijuana terpenes were identified which indicates Liberty Reach was produced by marijuana extraction.
- Since these products are not regulated by the FDA it is not known how the extraction process was conducted.

An Analysis of commercial CBD e-liquids found:

- The synthetic cannabinoid 5-Fluoro-MDMB-PINACA was present in 4 of 5 samples
- Dextromethorphan (a cough suppressant that at high doses produces effects similar to PCP and ketamine) was present in 1 of 5 samples
- Product labels did not indicate presence of either drug but both were successfully aerosolized in an e-cigarette

These findings support the existing knowledge that e-cigarettes can be used as a drug delivery system for more than just nicotine. In addition, the unexpected presence of non-advertised substances can be extremely dangerous to users. This presents both criminal justice and public health concerns.

ODP Awarded Partnerships for Success Grant

Will fund seven Regional Behavioral Health Boards

SAMHSA has awarded \$2,260,000 to the Idaho Office of Drug Policy for the Partnerships for Success grant. The grant sub-recipients are Idaho's seven Regional Behavioral Health Boards (RBHB) located in each of the seven public health districts. The RBHB's will implement prevention services using the awarded funds, and each will receive directives to target priority substances based on local data. Each region receives a base amount annually, and additional funds are added based on population size, priority areas, and severity of issues in each region as supported by data.

ODP will also fund local law enforcement agencies to conduct compliance checks, shoulder tap operations, and increased interdiction activities. It is anticipated that at least three law enforcement agencies

from each of the seven regions will be funded. ODP will continue to receive this funding through September 30, 2023.

Keep Idaho Launch

A marijuana education campaign from DrugFree Idaho

In last month's newsletter we highlighted DrugFree Idaho's Keep Idaho presentation at the National Prevention Network Conference. Keep Idaho is a marijuana education campaign that aims to educate Idahoans about the impacts of marijuana normalization.

As of October 5, 2018 the media campaign has officially launched in Idaho with local television and cable spots, as well as digital video ads. In December, around 90 billboards will appear across the state. You can view ads/videos at <http://keepidaho.org> and keep an eye out for them on the internet and television!

In addition to the website, Keep Idaho also has a Facebook page where organic content will be posted throughout the campaign. Like the page to stay up to date. You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/keepidaho/>.



Keep Idaho's fictional Office of Transparency.

The History of Red Ribbon Week

Celebrating 30 years strong

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest drug prevention awareness campaign. The National Family Partnership (NFP) started Red Ribbon Week in 1985 in response to the death of Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was tortured and murdered by drug traffickers he was



investigating in Mexico. According to NFP, when he decided to join the DEA, his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I'm only one person", he told her, "but I want to make a difference."

In honor of Camarena's sacrifice and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red ribbons. In 1988, NFP sponsored the first National Red Ribbon Celebration. Since that time, the campaign has reached millions of U.S. children and families. Today, people celebrate Red Ribbon Week by wearing red ribbons, participating in community anti-drug events, and pledging to live drug-free lives.



If you aren't already, find ways to get involved by visiting the [DEA Red Ribbon Toolkit](#) or the NFP [Red Ribbon website](#).

On October 22, the 30th Annual Red Ribbon Rally will be held at the Idaho State Capitol. Join approximately 1,000 Treasure Valley youth and state and city officials on the Capitol steps from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

If you or a group you work with are holding a Red Ribbon Week event, ODP would love to hear about it and spread the word through our Twitter account.

Upcoming Events

DEA Take Back Day and Deadly Generations

Bi-Annual DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Day

What: The next bi-annual DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Day provides an opportunity for Americans to clean out their medicine cabinets and safely and anonymously turn in expired and unused prescription drugs.

Where: Locations across Idaho. To find one close to you, [CLICK HERE](#).

When: Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m



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DEATakeBack.com

Deadly Patterns: Why Teens Kill and the Impact of Today's Emerging Drug Trends

What: Free, one day seminar. Jermaine Galloway, a national expert in drug and alcohol trends known as "Tall Cop," will cover drug trends, lacing, marijuana concentrates, stash compartments, drug clothing, opioids, and more. Phil Chalmers, author and TV personality, will discuss the causes, warning signs, and triggers of teen violence.

Where: Riverside Hotel, 2900 West Chinden Blvd, Boise, ID

When: Monday, October 22, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Audience: Law Enforcement of all divisions, School Administration and Teachers, Counselors, and Social Workers.

Registration: Visit tallcopsaysstop.com or call (208)371-1283

Chronic State Documentary Showing by Community Youth in Action

What: Showing of the documentary "Chronic State" which examines the impact of marijuana legalization and normalization in other states, followed by a celebration of Community Youth in Action's Youth Leadership Retreat.

Where: Compass Academy, 655 Garfield Street, Idaho Falls

When: Saturday, October 20, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Audience: Open to the Public

partnerships to reduce drug use and related crime, thereby improving the health and safety of all Idahoans.



We envision an Idaho free from the devastating social, health, and economic consequences of substance abuse.



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