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MEMORANDUM

TO:　　　Interested Parties

FROM:　　Susan W. Shaffer

DATE:　　November 10, 2009

RE:　　　September 2009 Juvenile Drug Testing Statistics

Drug testing of juvenile arrestees for September 2009 revealed a significant decrease in the level of substance abuse detected for marijuana, which was down 8% from August to 51%. The levels of substance abuse detected for cocaine and PCP remained the same at 1% each, while amphetamines increased from 0% to 1%.

The Juvenile Drug Testing Unit tested 275 respondents prior to their initial hearing in September. Fifty-two percent (127) of the 242 Lockup cases tested positive. Forty-two percent (14) of the 33 Community cases tested positive. The combined positive rate was 51%, down 9% from the previous month.

	COMMUNITY	LOCKUP	COMBINED
ALL NEGATIVE	19 (58%)	115 (48%)	134 (49%)
ANY POSITIVE	14 (42%)	127 (52%)	141 (51%)
TOTAL	33	242	275

	Of the 33 Community Cases	Of the 242 Lockup Cases	Of the 275 Combined Cases	Of the 141 Positive Cases
Multi Positive	0	6 (2%)	6 (2%)	6 (4%)
Cocaine Positive	0	3 (1%)	3 (1%)	3 (2%)
Marijuana Positive	14 (42%)	125 (52%)	139 (51%)	139 (99%)
Amphetamines Positive	0	3 (1%)	3 (1%)	3 (2%)
PCP Positive	0	2 (1%)	2 (1%)	2 (1%)

       The following breakdown of age groups for both Community and Lockup cases was obtained through the Superior Court's records system and correlated with the respondent's test result information.

Age	No. of Arrestees Tested	No. Positive for Any Drug	% Positive For Any Drug
8	1	0	0%
12	1	0	0%
13	23	10	43%
14	43	17	40%
15	53	28	53%
16	83	41	49%
17	62	39	63%
18-19	8	5	63%
Unknown	1	1	100%

Drug Testing of Juvenile Respondents
October 2008 - September 2009
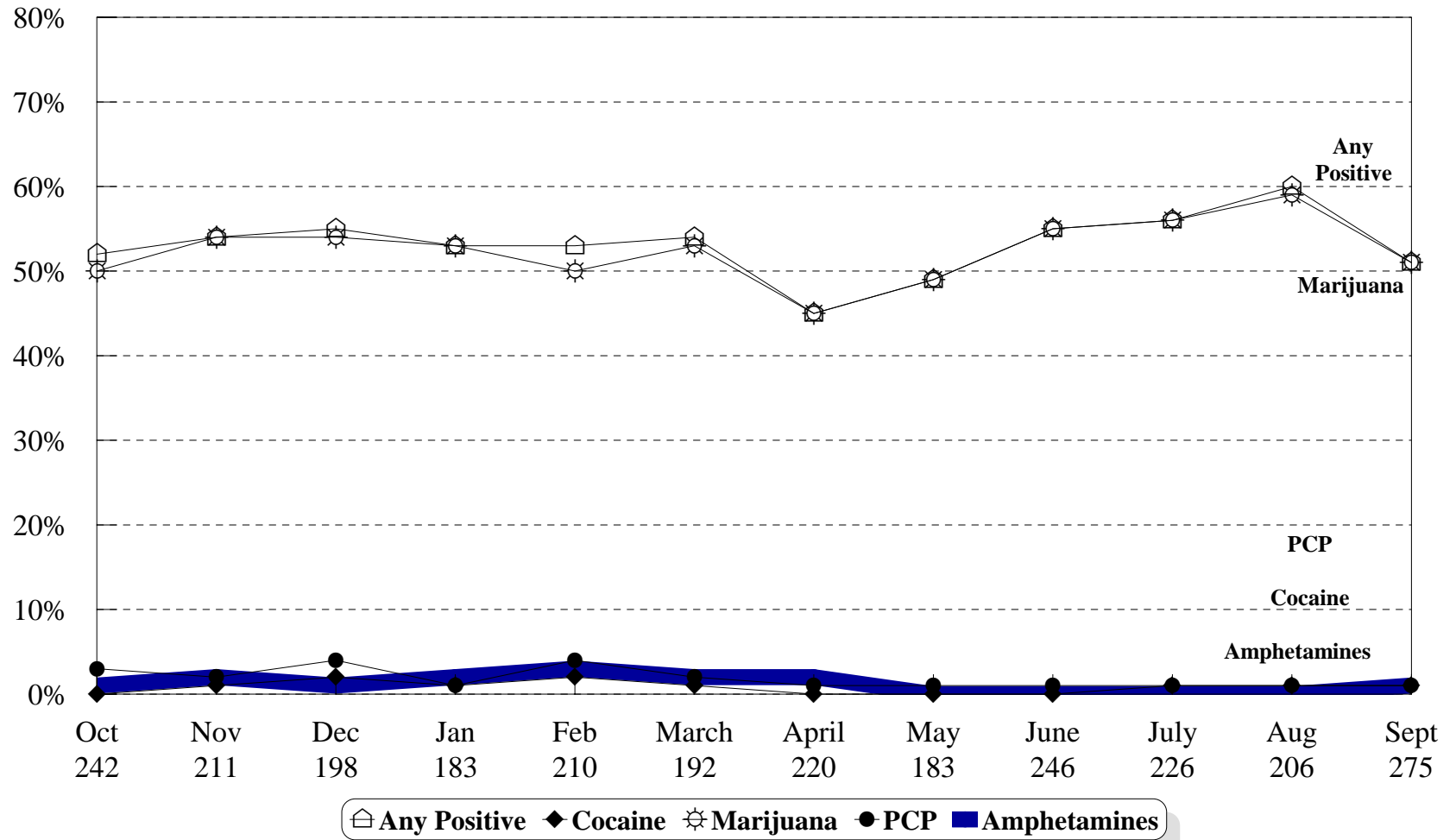
This data reflects results of the drug test conducted prior to the juvenile's initial court hearing.