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**NDIC Highlights
June 2007 – April 2008**

**Department of Justice – Attorney General’s Report to Congress on the
Growth of Violent Street Gangs in Suburban Areas**

April 2008

“The National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) is gratefully acknowledged for developing the substance of this report. NDIC supports national-level policymakers and the Intelligence Community by preparing strategic analytical studies on the trafficking of illegal drugs and on related illegal activities that pose a threat to the national security of the United States.”

Office of the Attorney General – State of Arizona

January 29, 2008 [Letter]

“I take this opportunity to express the appreciation of this office for all of the work NDIC has done in connection with the investigation of money laundering through money transmitters. Your office has made major contributions to the public good in these areas. I believe that Arizona and now NDIC have lead positions in dealing with money laundering in this industry, in large part due to your initiative in recognizing this approach and the good work of your office.”

**NDIC briefing to Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control
Methamphetamine**

January 28, 2008

At the request of Congressman Rick Larsen, NDIC presented a briefing on the findings contained in NDIC’s National Methamphetamine Threat Assessment 2008.

San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center - Director

January 23, 2008 [Letter of Appreciation]

“I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for the outstanding support NDIC has provided to the San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center (SD-LECC)”

White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

January 22, 2008

Featured two NDIC reports (*National Methamphetamine Threat Assessment 2007* and *Methamphetamine-Related Identity Theft*) on ONDCP's home page

White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)

January 17, 2008

ONDCP Director John Walters presented NDIC with the National Marijuana Eradication Award

Wall Street Journal

January 16, 2008

Cited NDIC's report: *Methamphetamine-Related Identity Theft* in a story titled *Escalating Health-Care Costs Fuel Medical Identity Theft*

White House National Security Council (NSC)

January 16, 2008

Was briefed upon their request on NDIC's Money Laundering Project and *National Drug Threat Assessment 2008*

Department of Defense – Joint Task Force North/Brigadier General Ierardi

December 21, 2007 [Certificate of Appreciation and corresponding cover letter]

“Wanted to pass to you my thanks for your superb effort during Operation Clearview. Without question, your work will have an enduring favorable effect on our Nation's homeland security and homeland defense, and has contributed to Joint Task Force North's reputation for credible and responsive support to U.S. law enforcement.”

U.S Department of Justice features NDIC reports on home page

December 6, 2007

NDIC's National Drug Threat Assessment 2008 was featured by the Department of Justice on their web site.

NDIC released the *Methadone Diversion, Abuse, and Misuse: Deaths Increasing at Alarming Rate* assessment

December 2007

This assessment alerted policymakers and law enforcement officials of a trend in deaths resulting from methadone abuse. (This story received nationwide coverage)

Boston Globe interviews two NDIC intelligence analysts and cites NDIC's *Methadone Diversion, Abuse, and Misuse: Deaths Increasing at Alarming Rate* assessment report for story on "Methadone deaths rise dramatically" (1/12/08)

Tribune-Democrat publishes story: Methadone-related deaths soar (12/23/07)

USA TODAY publishes story: Report flags rise in deaths by methadone ODs (12/6/07)

PRNewswire-USNewswire disseminate story on: National Drug Intelligence Center Releases *Methadone Diversion, Abuse, and Misuse: Deaths Increasing at Alarming Rate* (12/5/07)

CNN publishes story: Methadone deaths shoot up (12/5/07)

ABC News releases story: Methadone-Linked Deaths Shoot Up (12/5/07)

Associated Press releases story on methadone-related deaths (12/5/07)

Wall Street Journal releases story: Methadone Deaths March Upward (12/5/07)

NDIC credited for key support to FBI's National Gang Intelligence Center

November 28, 2007

The U.S Department of Justice issued a Press Release on the FBI's newly created National Gang Intelligence Center and acknowledged NDIC for providing key support

U.S Attorney – District of Maryland, Northern Division

December 25, 2007 [Letter of Appreciation]

“...tremendous support...”; “...nothing less than amazing...” and “I sing the praises of NDIC to anyone who will listen.”

U.S Attorney – Northern District of Florida

November 15, 2007 [Letter of Appreciation]

“The NDIC Doc Ex and Comp Ex has done an exceptional service for us in the past...” and “The work of NDIC was integral to the successful prosecution of cases in this district.”

House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security Hearing on Federal Gang Crime Prevention

October 2, 2007

NDIC's National Drug Threat Assessment was cited repeatedly in testimony regarding criminal street gangs before this Congressional Committee

NDIC analysts provided key assistance and testimony in the conviction of U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel William Steele

October 2007

At the request of the U.S. Army, NDIC personnel traveled to Camp Liberty, Iraq, to provide crucial assistance and expert testimony leading to the conviction of Lieutenant Colonel Steele on three charges relating to the unauthorized possession, storage, and marking of classified materials.

NDIC credited for providing significant support to “Operation Raw Deal”

September 2007

Operation Raw Deal is the largest steroid enforcement action in U.S. history.

Department of Defense Counter-Narcotics Analysis Cell (CNAC)-Director

September 13, 2007 [Letter of Appreciation]

“I want to personally thank you, the National Drug Intelligence Center, and Mr. Scott Foley for the outstanding analytical collaboration provided to the Counter Narcotics Analysis Cell....”

Assistant U.S Attorney – Southern District of New York

August 15, 2007 [Email of Appreciation]

“NDIC creates a great product, which I use a great deal, particularly in the Regional OCDETF context. The fact that we have no substantive comments is just a testament to the fact that we couldn’t improve upon your work.”

Bureau of ATF – SAIC/Baltimore, MD

August 6, 2007 [Letter of Appreciation]

“...[NDIC Doc Ex analysts] worked tirelessly on these documents and were able to break and translate the code.”

“Doc Ex provided ATF and the USAO a significant advantage in tackling the enormous amounts of evidence seized during the investigation.”

Operation Iraqi Freedom—Media Exploitation Analyst

July 21, 2007 [Email of Appreciation from Iraq]

“I wanted to send you an email and thank you for all the support you have given to the folks who are performing Media Exploitation for the Multi-National Forces - Iraq.”

“With the number of hard drives that we have to process and the relatively small number of personnel we have in theatre, using Hashkeeper [a software program developed in-house at NDIC and provided to federal, state, and local agencies] is saving us IMMENSE amounts of time, allowing us to process more media in a smaller amount of time. As you can imagine this is no small thing, in fact it is VITAL to our mission.”

“I wanted to make sure that I was able to get back in touch with you to express my appreciation and the appreciation of the entire MEDEX team deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.”

White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)—Associate Director for Intelligence

July 20, 2007[Letter of Commendation]

“Their [NDIC] presentations were comprehensive, highly informative, and broadened our awareness and appreciation for the incredible job your folks are doing.”

“I do want to highlight for you a few things that your team is doing that I find to be exceptionally valuable to our national drug control policymakers.”

“NDIC’s analysis of seizures along the Southwest Border (SWB) has also been of tremendous value to our Director.”

“No other agency is doing this kind of strategic analysis...”and “...the diligent work of NDIC has enhanced our knowledge of illicit movement across the border...”

Multi-National Forces—Chief, Exploitation Group

June 26, 2007[Email of Appreciation]

“Hashkeeper [a software program developed in-house at NDIC and provided to federal, state, and local agencies] has assisted us in Multi-National Force – Iraq by significantly reducing media exploitation time.” and “...has supported the prosecution of detainees and the identification of possible insurgents.”

National Defense Intelligence College – Washington, DC

June 2007 Publication “Improving the Law Enforcement-Intelligence Community Relationship”

“One agency in the forefront of this activity in LE [Law Enforcement] is the National Drug Intelligence Center, which uses the Access based software called RAID to organize and store data.”