



Suboxone

Threat to DPSCS Facilities

- Suboxone (Buprenorphine) is the most prevalent CDS contraband found within the DPSCS facilities according to OCMS data pulled between January 1, 2015 and July 27, 2016. Suboxone is often referred to as OJ, strippers, orange, pictures by inmates.
- There is a 14.3% increase in YTD 2016 Suboxone recoveries when compared to YTD 2015.
- There was a 28.3% increase in Suboxone recovered in CY 2015 as compared with CY 2014.
- Due to the drug's availability in strip format, it is easily introduced into the facility via mail and packages.
- The strips are hidden behind postal stamps, in between greeting cards, and glued into documents.
- It can easily be concealed on a person for introduction during inmate visits.
- Easy concealment on a person also allows inmates to sell and distribute the contraband throughout the facilities with ease.
- Information was received indicating inmates are receiving letters in which the paper has been soaked with Suboxone. Suboxone is dissolved into a liquid format and the paper is sprayed with, or soaked in the liquefied Suboxone solution.
- Based on intelligence information received through phone monitoring and intelligence investigations, the Suboxone strips are available on the streets (black market) for \$5-\$8 per strip.
- Once introduced into the facilities, the value for a single strip can range from \$50-\$100 depending on the location and availability of the drug within the facility.
- Inmates cut the strips into four pieces and sell each piece as a means to increase their profit margin.
- During phone monitoring, inmates are routinely heard facilitating the purchase, packaging, and introduction of Suboxone with non-incarcerated individuals.
- It was revealed that friends and family members of inmates, enrolled in a Suboxone program, sent into the DPSCS facilities, Suboxone received during their sessions.
- The introduction of Suboxone in the DPSCS facilities leads to both inmate on inmate assaults and inmate on staff assaults. It has a direct impact on the safety of our inmates and staff.
- Inmates are routinely assaulted for not paying their drug debt.
- Officers are routinely assaulted while trying to break-up inmate fights, as well as, when trying to confiscate contraband.

- The Intelligence Division has orchestrated and participated in 104 interdictions targeting the introduction of contraband since they began tracking in April 2016. 257 Suboxone strips have been found during these interdictions.
- K9 has completed 25,294 contraband scans with 223 alerts in CY 2016.
- On July 6, 2016, the Intelligence Division implemented the Intelligence Contraband Interdiction Team (I-CIT), which consists of K9 and is deployed in the Baltimore City region. The I-CIT does roving patrols in the Baltimore City complex to intercept contraband items being introduced into the facilities. They also scan visitors and observe front entrance procedures.
- DPSCS will see a significant decline in Suboxone in its facilities due to the removal of the strip form off of the PDL.
- The anticipated decline is based on the fact that the strips are easily introduced into the DPSCS facilities, specifically in the mail.
- Changing the strips to a tablet form would make it more difficult to introduce via the mail.

Suboxone Contraband Data:

Suboxone Recovered by Facility 2015 and 2016 YTD Comparison			
	YTD15	YTD16	
BCBIC	21	29	
BCCC	46	19	
BCDC	808	210	
BCF	17	60	
BPRU	10	31	
CDF	54	174	
CMCF	12	81	
DRCF	5	73	
ECI	195	151	
EPRU	0	3	
JCI	243	170	
MCIH	113	230	
MCIJ	80	239	
MCIW	12	7	
MCTC	180	226	
MRDCC	120	105	
MTC	68	204	
NBCI	14	95	
PATX	33	96	
PHPRU	0	0	
RCI	87	351	
SMPRU	0	0	
THRESH	1	1	
WCI	300	211	
Total	2419	2766	14.3%

Suboxone Recovered by Facility 2014 and 2015 YTD Comparison			
	CY14	CY15	
BCBIC	10	49	
BCCC	70	47	
BCDC	405	672	
BCF	70	21	
BPRU	4	10	
CDF	1	114	
CMCF	7	18	
DRCF	67	68	
ECI	410	429	
EPRU	1	0	
JCI	137	315	
MCIH	388	202	
MCIJ	53	112	
MCIW	46	23	
MCTC	98	225	
MRDCC	120	98	
MTC	27	87	
NBCI	64	133	
PATX	65	38	
PHPRU	1	0	
RCI	335	276	
SMPRU	0	0	
THRESH	0	1	
WCI	496	751	
Total	2875	3689	28.3%

Table 2: CY data reflects recovery dates between January 1st - December 30th

Total Suboxone Recovery by Facility

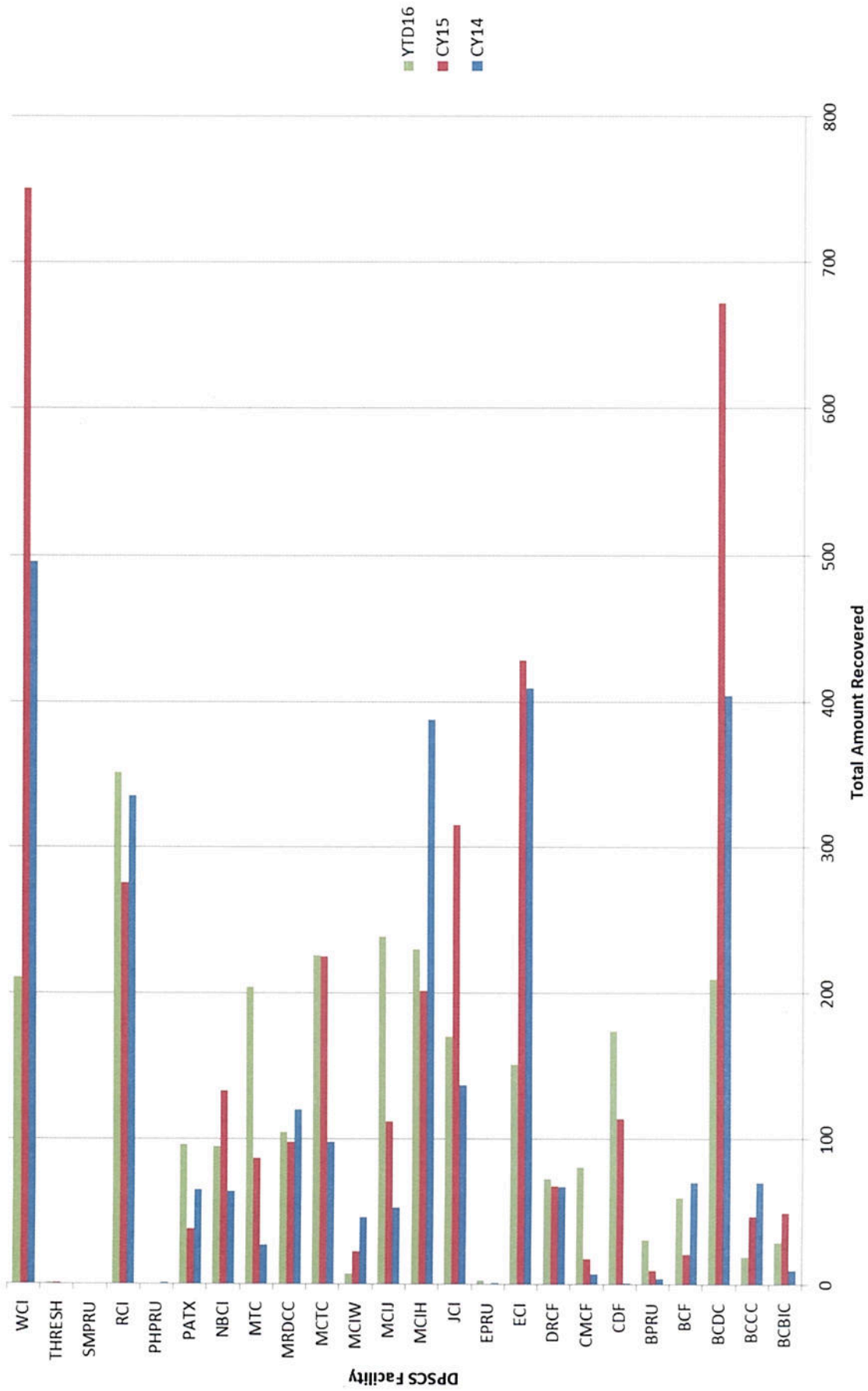


Chart 1: Data generated from OCMS data. Data for 2016 is YTD, January 1, 2016 - July 26, 2016. Data for 2014 and 2015 is January 1st - December 30th.

YTD 2015 & 2016 Comparison: Suboxone Recovery		
	CY 15 YTD	CY 16 YTD
Housing	476	924
Common Area	223	507
Outside	44	99
Mail	1392	866
Visiting	286	379
Total	2421	2775

Table 1: Data generated from OCMS data. *CY 15 YTD* - Suboxone recovery totals generated from data between January 1, 2015 - July 26, 2015. *CY 16 YTD* - Suboxone recovery totals generated from data between December 31, 2015 - June 15, 2016. Visiting - Includes Visiting Room, Visitor Reception, and Contraband found on a visitor. Data not captured for CY 15.

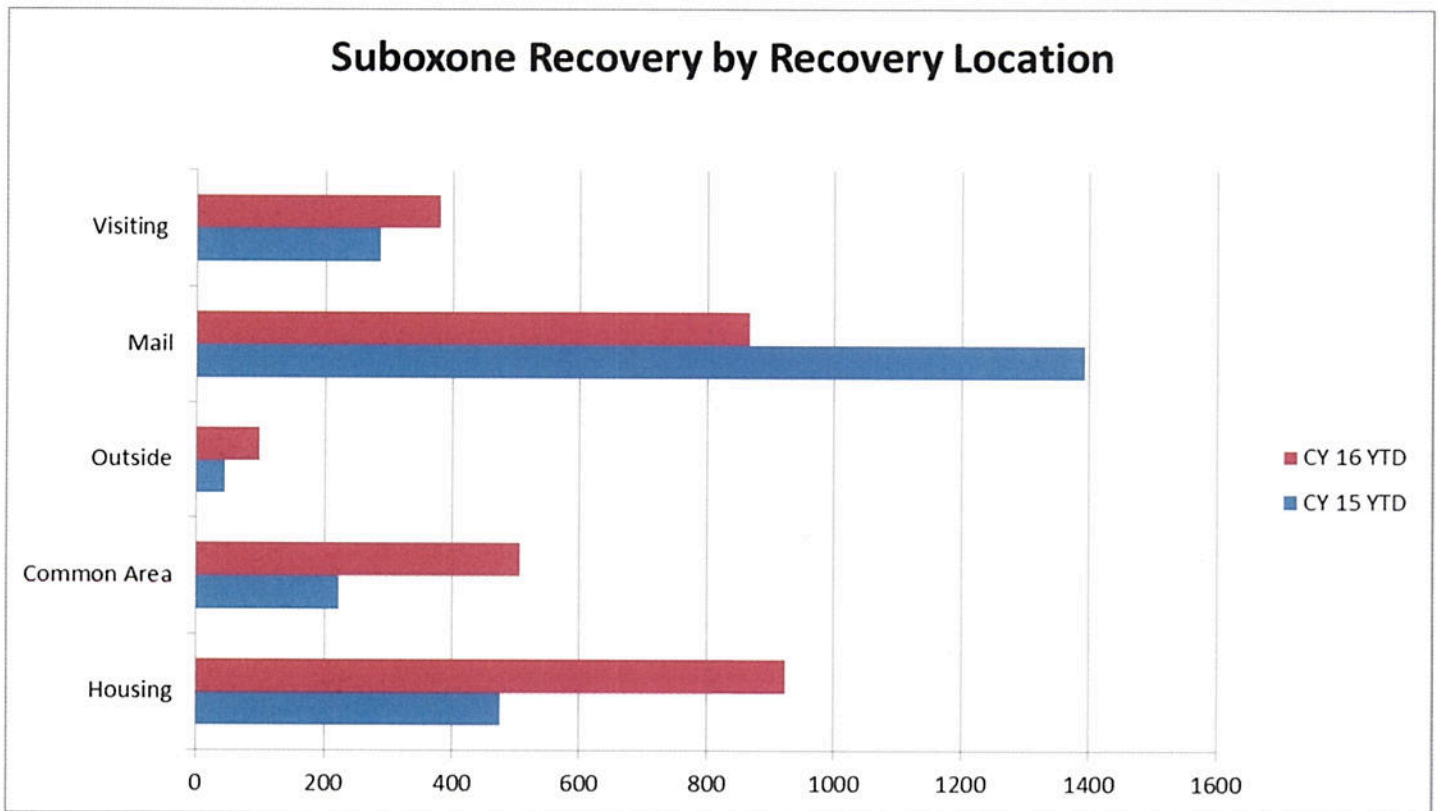
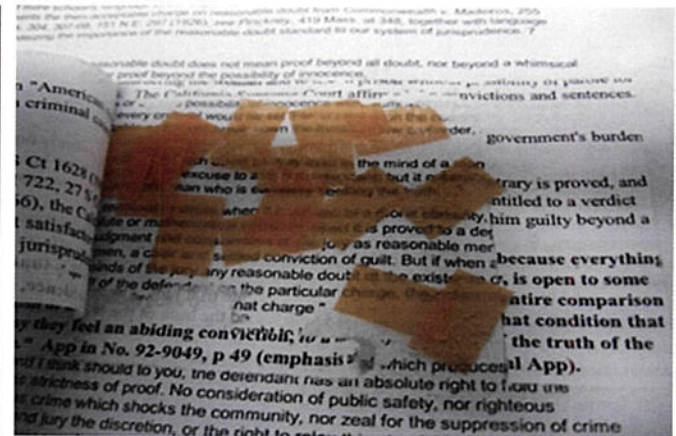
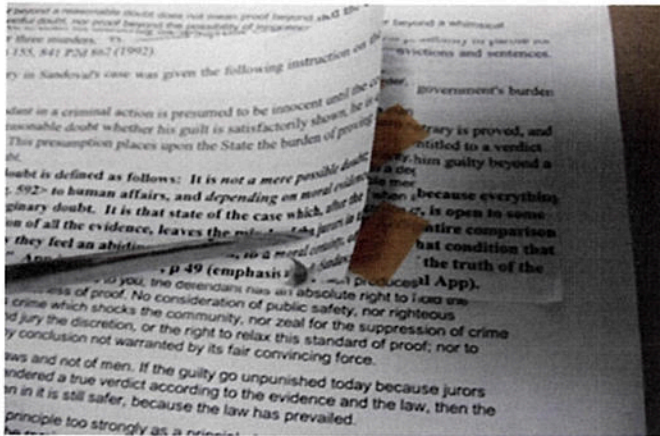
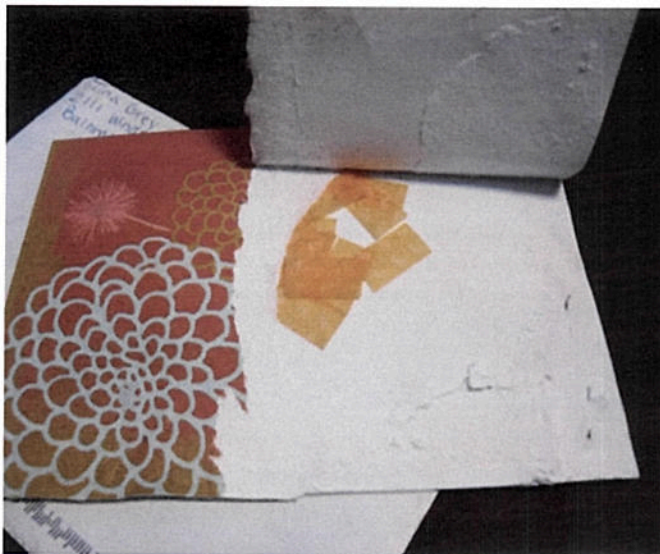


Chart 2: Data generated from OCMS. YTD includes January 1st – July 25th.

Examples of Suboxone Introduction – Mail:



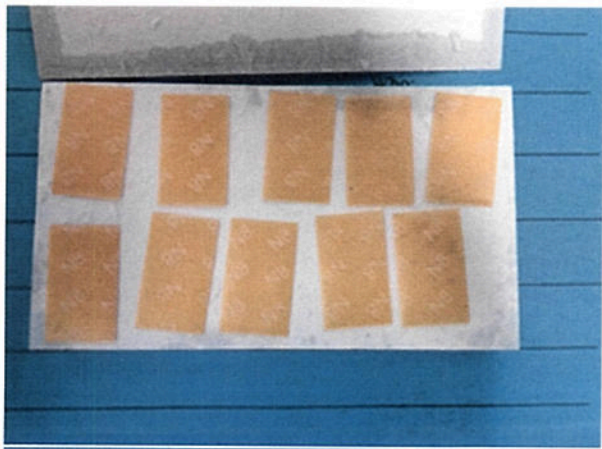
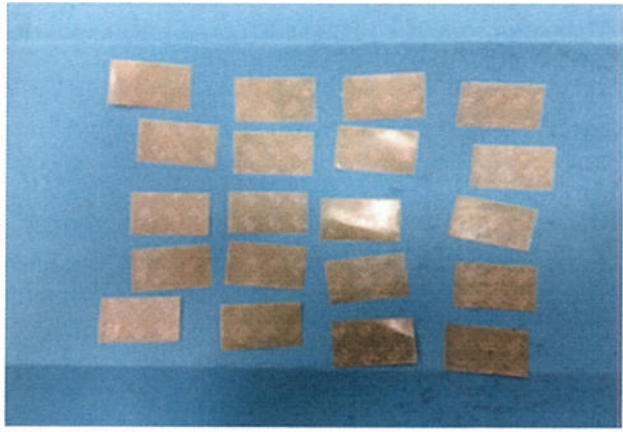
Photos of Suboxone strips found inside of incoming mail to Maryland Correctional Institute – Hagerstown (MCIH) using a fake Legal package.



Photograph of Suboxone strips concealed inside of a greeting card



Package that contained 84 Suboxone strips, as well as other CDS



Mail was intercepted at the WCI from the Yost Legal Group after receiving intelligence information regarding the introduction of Suboxone strips inside of business cards from the legal firm.

