

## **THE HEROIN DEALER. IS HE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?**



Things you should look for to help identify Heroin deals going on in your neighborhood or business parking lots:

- 1) A vehicle parked occupied by one or more individuals
  - a. Note – know your neighbors. These individuals will appear to waiting for someone and never exit their vehicle.
  - b. Businesses – these individuals will be parked away from your business, usually never entering the business and will appear to be waiting for someone.
  - c. Look for out of county registration stickers. Franklin is #25.
- 2) The Heroin dealer is usually one or two individuals who will meet the buyers at the same location. (What to look for with them)
  - a. They typically drive non flashy vehicles
  - b. They are typically male Hispanics dressed well and clean cut
  - c. They will drive by the buyers, who will then follow behind the dealer' vehicle.
- 3) The Heroin deal in the neighborhood. (What to look for)
  - a. The dealer will drive around in the neighborhood until he feels it' safe to stop.
  - b. The dealer will then pull over as will the buyer and an individual from the buyers vehicle will enter into the dealers
  - c. Sometimes the deal will be conducted at that location. Typically the dealer will drive around some more conducting the transaction and stopping when it's done.
  - d. The buyer will return to his vehicle and they will drive away
- 4) The Heroin deal on your business lot. (What to look for)
  - a. Typically the buyers will just wait on your lot for the dealer to drive by, then exit the lot following the dealer to a near by neighborhood
  - b. If the deal occurs on your business parking lot then the dealer will park close to the buyer
  - c. The buyer will then enter into the dealer's vehicle and conduct the transaction. (this typically takes about 30 to 60 seconds)

### Things to consider and know:

- 1) Heroin users typically steal to feed their habit.
- 2) The Hispanic drug cartels are bringing this drug into your neighborhood
- 3) Heroin is a very addictive drug and is affecting thousands of individuals in the state of Ohio. This includes all walks of life; young, old, poor, rich and maybe someone you know.
- 4) There have been currently 23 counties identified from where the Heroin users are coming from. Some driving over two hours away (round trip) and some making several trips daily to your neighborhood to purchase Heroin.
- 5) Heroin is typically package in small multi color balloons about the size of a pencil eraser and looks like a black gooey or tar like substance.
- 6) Oprah hosted Lisa Ling who did a story on a family from Richland County who was addicted to Heroin and drove to Columbus Ohio everyday to purchase the Heroin. (Oprah Show aired 9-28-2008)
- 7) According to the Drug Market Analysis 2009 for OHIO, by HIDTA, Columbus and Dayton have emerged as regional distribution centers. **COLUMBUS** supplies Mexican heroin to markets in Ohio, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania.
- 8) At the start of the decade, roughly 2,000 people a year died from heroin nationwide. By 2008, heroin was blamed for at least 3,000 deaths in 36 states. Wonder what the total is to date????

### What should you do if you see a Heroin deal in your neighborhood?

- 1) First and foremost be vigilant. Get good descriptions of vehicles, occupants and most of all the registration.
- 2) Contact the Columbus Police non-emergency line at 645-4545. Give all the information to the dispatcher. If you have possibly identified a buyer waiting in your neighborhood call right away and report the suspicious individuals.

