

A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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2011 Media Reports of Buprenorphine Diversion and Misuse

| Date | State | Subject | Description |
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| 8/19/11 | TN | jail/prison | Suboxone® strips and other drugs smuggled into jails in variety of ways (<i>"Contraband Finds Its Way Into Regional Jails In a Variety of Ways," Bristol Herald Courier</i>) |
| 8/4/11 | WV | trafficking | Drug ring arrested for selling Oxycodone® and Suboxone (<i>"Investigation Brings 25 Drug Arrests in West Virginia," Cumberland Times-News</i>) |
| 8/1/11 | IN | jail/prison | Suboxone smuggled into prison in bra (<i>"Woman Accused of Smuggling Drugs Inside Her Bra at Pendleton Facility," WXIN-TV</i>) |
| 7/27/11 | VT | jail/prison, trafficking | Buprenorphine smuggled into prison & street diversion/trafficking (<i>"Suboxone Succeeds in Aiding Opiate Addicts, but Too Many Are Abusing It Instead," Burlington Free Press</i>) |
| 7/19/11 | CA | diversion, trafficking | Doctor selling prescriptions for painkillers, including buprenorphine (<i>"Doctor Faces Trial for Selling Prescriptions," City News Service</i>) |
| 7/15/11 | NM | jail/prison, trafficking | Law enforcement reports of buprenorphine diversion/trafficking & buprenorphine in jail (<i>"Drug Meant to Treat Heroin Users Being Used to Get High," KOB Eyewitness News 4</i>) |
| 7/13/11 | MD | trafficking | Man charged with intent to distribute Suboxone, heroin, cocaine (<i>"Heroin, Cocaine Seized in Traffic Stop," Frederick News-Post</i>) |
| 6/21/11 | ME | jail/prison | Suboxone smuggled into state prison (<i>"Ex-Caseworker Fined \$4,500 for Giving Pills, Porn to Inmate," Portland Press Herald</i>) |
| 6/7/11 | PA | jail/prison | Inmate had Suboxone smuggled into federal prison (<i>"Federal Inmate Sentenced to Additional 18 Months in Prison for Possessing Contraband," States News Service</i>) |
| 6/5/11 | U.S. | jail/prison | National reports of Suboxone smuggled into prisons (<i>"Prison Official: Contraband Smugglers Can Get Creative," The Union Leader</i>) |
| 5/26/11 | U.S. | jail/prison | Buprenorphine smuggled into prison (<i>"When Children's Scribbles Hide a Prison Drug," New York Times</i>) |
| 5/26/11 | WV | trafficking | Firefighter charged with selling Suboxone (<i>"Firefighter Charged with Selling Drugs," Charleston Gazette</i>) |
| 5/12/11 | PA | jail/prison | Prison guard selling Suboxone to inmates (<i>"Charges Against Ex-Prison Guard Forwarded to Court," The Citizens' Voice</i>) |
| 4/7/11 | MA | jail/prison | Buprenorphine smuggled into jail (<i>"Deacon Admits Passing Contraband to Inmate," UPI</i>) |
| 3/31/11 | NJ | jail/prison | Buprenorphine smuggled into prison (<i>"Final Suspect in Suboxone Investigation at Cape May County Correctional Center Arrested," Targeted News Service</i>) |
| 3/30/11 | ME | jail/prison | Buprenorphine smuggled into prison in waistband of pants (<i>"2 Inmates, 2 Women Charged in Drug Operation," Bangor Daily News</i>) |
| 3/22/11 | NY | jail/prison | Possession of Suboxone by inmate in prison (<i>"Man to Go Back to Prison After Admitting Drug Possession," Watertown Daily Times</i>) |
| 3/21/11 | PA | jail/prison | Suboxone smuggled into prison underneath postage stamps on letters (<i>"Eleven Charged in Operation Postage Stamp," States News Service</i>) |
| 3/16/11 | NY | trafficking | Drug ring sold Suboxone and Lortab® to buy cocaine and other drugs (<i>"10 Indicted in Scheme to Obtain Pain Pills to Buy, Sell Street Drugs," Buffalo News</i>) |
| 3/8/11 | MA | diversion | Pharmacist charged with stealing Vicodin® and Suboxone from workplace (<i>"CVS Employee Charged with Drug Distribution," States News Service</i>) |

SOURCE: CESAR search of LexisNexis Academic database for "All News" in the "United States" with the terms "buprenorphine," "Suboxone," or "Subutex." Only articles describing diversion or misuse were included. Only one article per news report/incident was included.