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PUBLIC NOTICE/WARNING: DANGEROUS NEW STREET DRUG COCKTAIL

The Rio Grande City Police Department has received information that street level drug dealers are mixing crack cocaine with methamphetamine and passing it off as regular crack cocaine. This is a deadly mix for any user since most of the time have no idea what they are smoking. We encourage our community to get involved in the fight against drugs and report any location they believe is selling narcotics.

METHAMPHETAMINE

Meth, or methamphetamine, is an intense and highly addictive stimulant that is commonly snorted, smoked, or injected directly into one's veins. Those taking meth typically want a fast or even instant high, the effects peak in 1-15 minutes and generally last 4-8 hours. Unfortunately, ingesting any kind of drugs via these methods is both dangerous and damaging to one's health. Considering how devastating meth is in any form, these risks are very serious for meth users and have resulted in many deaths. According to new research from Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), researchers found that people who regularly abuse meth are an average of 4.67 times more likely to die than those who do not use drugs.

CRACK COCAINE

In addition to the usual risks associated with cocaine use, crack users may experience severe respiratory problems, including coughing, shortness of breath, lung damage and bleeding.

Long-term effects from use of crack cocaine include severe damage to the heart, liver and kidneys. Users are more likely to have infectious diseases.

Continued daily use causes sleep deprivation and loss of appetite, resulting in malnutrition. Smoking crack cocaine also can cause aggressive and paranoid behavior. As crack cocaine interferes with the way the brain processes chemicals, one needs more and more of the drug just to feel "normal." Those who become addicted to crack cocaine (as with most other drugs) lose interest in other areas of life.

See something suspicious? Call RGC CrimeStoppers at (956) 488-TIPS (8477)