

MACPOST

Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers

From the President

April 2008

MACPO is in full spring swing. We are looking forward to the great spring conference at Breezy Point, May 21-23rd, 2008. The training and education committee has gone above and beyond and are offering training that is top of the line. Look to the website for registration and lodging information. If you are not able to attend the conference please make sure you renew your membership.

I would like to ask you all for your help. The spring conference is when we in the field get to acknowledge the great agents and programming that occurs across the state. There are 3 awards presented: Al Reker Award, Excellence in Corrections, and Outstanding Performance. All 3 are very distinguished and it would be an honor to be a recipient of them. There is no doubt in my mind we all have agents and programs around us that qualify for a nomination. Take a moment and think about persons and programs you deal with and nominate them. We do excellent work in this field and should take time to acknowledge them. The nomination form can be accessed on the MACPO website – take time and make a nomination.



Margaret Munson
MACPO President

Lastly, I want to encourage you all to stay involved with your local and state representatives. It is important in the current financial times that we let the decision makers know what we do, how efficient and effective we do it, and how important it is that we don't do our jobs half way for the community safety sake. Promote your jobs and the excellent way you do it, communicate and educate. If you need assistance, please contract the legislative committee to assist you with some trips and tricks in initiating contact.

Hope to see you all at the spring conference...

Margaret Munson, President
Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers

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New Marina at Breezy Point! To be completed by the time of our conference.

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SALVIA DIVINORUM AND SALVINORIN A

(Street Names: Maria Pastora, Sage of the Seers, Diviner's Sage, Salvia, Sally-D, Magic Mint)

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Salvia divinorum is a perennial herb in the mint family native to certain areas of the Sierra Mazateca region of Oaxaca, Mexico. The plant, which can grow to over 3 feet in height, has large green leaves, hollow square stems and white flowers with purple calyces, and can grow successfully outside of this region. *Salvia divinorum* has been employed by the Mazatec Indians for its hallucinogen effects for ritual divination and healing. The active constituent of *Salvia divinorum* has been identified as salvinorin A. Currently, neither *Salvia divinorum* nor any of its constituents, including salvinorin A, are controlled under the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA).



Licit Uses:

Neither *Salvia divinorum* or its active constituent salvinorin A has an approved medical use in the U.S.

Chemistry and Pharmacology:

Salvinorin A, also called Divinorin A, is believed to be the ingredient responsible for the hallucinogenic effects of *Salvia divinorum*. Chemically, it is a neoclerodane diterpene found primarily in the leaves, and to a lesser extent in the stems. Although several other substances have been isolated from the plant, none have been shown to be psychoactive.



In the U.S., plant material is typically either chewed or smoked. When chewed, the leaf mass and juice are maintained within the cheek area with absorption occurring across the lining of the oral mucosa (buccal). Effects first appear within 5 to 10 minutes. Dried leaves, as well as extract-enhanced leaves purported to be enriched with salvinorin A, are also smoked. Smoking pure salvinorin A, at a dose of 200-500 micrograms, results in effects within 30 seconds and lasts about 30 minutes.

A limited number of studies have reported the effects of using either plant material or salvinorin A. Psychic effects include perceptions of bright lights, vivid colors and shapes, as well as body movements and body or object distortions. Other effects include dysphoria, uncontrolled laughter, a sense of loss of body, overlapping realities, and hallucinations (seeing objects that are not present). Adverse physical effects may include incoordination, dizziness, and slurred speech.

Scientific studies show that salvinorin A is a potent and selective kappa opioid receptor agonist. Other drugs that act at the kappa opioid receptor also produce hallucinogenic effects and dysphoria similar to that produced by salvinorin A.

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Salvinorin A does not activate the serotonin 2A receptor, which mediates the effects of other schedule I hallucinogens.

Illicit Uses:

Salvinorin A and *Salvia divinorum* products are abused for their ability to evoke hallucinogenic effects, which, in general, are similar to those of other scheduled hallucinogenic substances, including LSD, DMT, psilocybin, and ketamine.

User Population:

Information on the user population is limited. It appears to be mostly adolescents and younger adults influenced by promotions of the drug on Internet sites.

Illicit Distribution:

Salvia divinorum is grown domestically and imported from Mexico and Central and South America. The Internet is an important venue for the promotion and distribution of *Salvia divinorum*. It is sold as seeds, plant cuttings, whole plants, fresh and dried leaves, extract-enhanced leaves of various strengths (e.g., 5x, 10x, 20x, 30x), and liquid extracts purported to contain salvinorin A. These products are also sold at local retail shops (e.g., head shops and tobacco shops).



Control Status:

Salvia divinorum and salvinorin A are not currently controlled under the CSA. However, a number of states have placed controls on *Salvia divinorum* and/or salvinorin A. In 2005, Louisiana made it illegal to purchase or distribute *Salvia divinorum*. Both Delaware and Missouri have added *Salvia divinorum* and salvinorin A into schedule I of the states' drug regulations. In 2006, Tennessee and Oklahoma passed legislation on *Salvia divinorum*. Maine and North Dakota have also recently passed legislation controlling *Salvia divinorum* and/or salvinorin. Moreover, as of July 2007, legislative bills proposing regulatory controls on salvinorin A and/or *Salvia divinorum* are pending in Alabama, Alaska, California, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Internationally, salvinorin A and/or *Salvia divinorum* have been placed under regulatory controls in Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Italy, Spain, and Sweden.



We are more casual about qualifying the people we allow to act as advocates in the courtroom than we are about licensing electricians.

Warren E. Burger



By Michael Kahn

LONDON (Reuters) - Scientists have identified the part of the brain that may hold the key to why some cocaine users become addicts while others just take the drug socially, researchers said on Tuesday.

Brain scans of cocaine users while they performed simple computer tasks showed changes in the part of the brain responsible for controlling behavior and making appropriate decisions, they said.

This could explain why some people find it easier to quit than others and may shed light on long-term addiction, said Hugh Garavan, a cognitive neuroscientist at Trinity College Dublin who presented his research to a meeting of the Royal Society in London.

"Most people who try to quit drugs relapse," Garavan said in a telephone interview. "It might have to do with how intact these brain regions are."

Cocaine, initially used in patent medicines, beverages and tonics around the turn of the 20th Century, is a drug that in powdered form can be snorted or dissolved in water and injected. Its derivative crack cocaine is even more powerful.



An estimated 1 to 3 percent of adults in developed countries use the drug, which has been linked to a number of medical, psychological and social problems including crime, violence and the spread of diseases like AIDS and hepatitis, according to the World Health Organization.

Garavan and colleagues used MRI scans to show that cocaine users had reduced neural activity marked by reduced blood flow to the part of the brain involved in things like problem solving, decision making and controlling behavior. Some people were administered cocaine in the experiments.

"This research helps us move away from thinking of drug dependence as a moral weakness and allows us to see it as more of a medical condition."



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Training:
Sex Offender Management in the Community



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Left to right - Marc Bloomquist, Sarah Gravelle, Samantha Benjamin, Dan Ahlquist



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Project Announcement

Gang Member Re-entry Assistance Project

More offenders are being released from prison today than at any time in history, and a number of these offenders have gang affiliations. The re-entry of these gang members is burdensome for the community for several reasons. First, persistent gang members may be committed to a criminal lifestyle. Given their relatively high involvement in violent criminal behavior, released gang members represent potential threats to public safety. Strategies to reintegrate them into the community must be balanced with public safety concerns. Secondly, gang members re-entering the community face personal barriers, such as lack of education, stable housing, prosocial support systems, and usable employment/vocational skills. These barriers coupled with the existence of readily available criminal/gang network on which parolees can rely for personal support and potential sources of income, puts gang parolees at high-risk for recidivism. Finally, inasmuch as the gang parolee is unprepared to re-enter the community, the community, itself, is often unprepared to receive them. There is a clear need for information sharing between prison and probation/parole personnel and agencies to assist not only in the supervision of gang parolees, but also in establishment of open lines of communication for the dissemination of gang intelligence and routine release-notification processes.

Through support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), in partnership with the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) and the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA), will be developing Gang Member Reentry Informational Guides and PowerPoint Tutorials to assist corrections, law enforcement, parole and probation, social service providers', and others. These aides will provide information on providing prerelease, transition, and post release services to gang members. The products will be focused in two broad areas: (1) prerelease—for personnel dealing with confined populations, and (2) post release—for law enforcement, parole and probation, social service providers, and others providing transition and post release services. The project team will be conducting a thorough review of the literature, one focus group and one working group, and soliciting feedback from practitioners on current programs and strategies directed at gang member reentry.

For more information, please contact: Kimberly A. Cobb Research Associate American Probation & Parole Association The Council of State Governments P.O. Box 11910 Lexington, KY 40578-1910 kcobb@csg.org (859) 244-8015

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEFENDANTS MORE LIKELY TO BE CONVICTED THAN NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEFENDANTS

WASHINGTON – State felony defendants charged with domestic violence (DV) were prosecuted, convicted and incarcerated at rates either equal to or higher than felony defendants charged with non-domestic violence (non-DV), the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) announced today. The study compared domestic and non-domestic sexual assault and domestic and non-domestic aggravated assault cases filed in state courts of 15 large urban counties during May 2002 on 11 prosecution, conviction and sentencing outcome measures. Domestic violence includes violence among family members, intimate partners and household cohabitants.

Among defendants charged with sexual assault, no differences were found between DV and non-DV sexual assault case processing on seven of the 11 prosecution, conviction and sentencing measures. On the other four measures, DV sexual assault defendants had a higher prosecution rate (89 percent versus 73 percent), higher overall conviction rate (98 percent versus 87 percent), higher felony sexual assault conviction rate (80 percent versus 63 percent) and a longer average incarceration sentence (six years compared to three and one quarter years). About 15 percent of the DV sexual assault defendants received sentences longer than 10 years, whereas none of the non-DV sexual assault defendants had a sentence that long.

Among defendants charged with aggravated assault, no differences were found between DV and non-DV aggravated assault defendants on seven of 11 measures of case processing. On the other four measures, DV aggravated assault defendants had a higher overall conviction rate (87 percent versus 78 percent), higher violent felony conviction rate (61 percent versus 52 percent), higher aggravated assault conviction rate (54 percent versus 45 percent) and higher misdemeanor conviction rate (22 percent versus 16 percent).

The study also found that DV aggravated assault defendants were less likely to be granted pretrial release than non-DV aggravated assault defendants. Of those granted pretrial release, courts were also more likely to issue a protection order against DV aggravated assault defendants.

The BJS study was conducted to examine how domestic violence cases were handled by the justice system. Persons charged with domestic or non-domestic violence were tracked in court records from May 2002, when charges were filed, through final court disposition.

The report, *State Court Processing of Domestic Violence Cases* (NCJ-214993), was written by BJS Statisticians Erica L. Smith, Matthew R. Durose and Patrick A. Langan. Following publication, the reports can be found at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/scpdvc.htm>.

For additional information about the Bureau of Justice Statistics' statistical reports and programs, please visit the BJS Web site at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs>.

December 1, 2005

Juveniles often commit crimes in pairs or groups, a process known as co-offending. An NIJ-sponsored study of delinquents in Philadelphia found several patterns related to juvenile co-offending. The researchers linked co-offending with increased risks for recidivism and violence. Interaction among delinquent peers seems to instigate crimes and escalate their severity. The youngest offenders were more likely to co-offend and were more likely to become violent if their earliest crimes were committed with violent offenders, even if those crimes were not violent. The researchers recommend early intervention targeting very young offenders, especially co-offenders, although more research is needed. But, they also caution that some interventions may enhance the effects of co-offending by placing youths in groups that unintentionally provide negative peer learning.

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National Child Abuse Prevention Month

In recognition of April being National Child Abuse Prevention Month, NCJRS has created a Child Abuse Special Feature. This special feature includes links to publications and resources related to child abuse, the prevention of child abuse, and agency responses to the victims of child abuse.

Here is the link: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/>



NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots organization for people with mental illness and their families. Founded in 1979, NAMI has affiliates in every state and in more than 1,100 local communities across the country.

What is the NAMI mission?

NAMI is dedicated to the eradication of mental illnesses and to the improvement of the quality of life for persons of all ages who are affected by mental illnesses

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No, your honor, I'm a different kind of "counselor." I'm supposed to ask "leading questions."

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Do you have an "I'm Sorry" card that stops short of admitting liability?

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"Let me get this straight. You committed the crime to get out of jury duty?"

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We find the Defendant guilty, the lawyers tedious, and you arrogant.

Lawyers should never ask a Mississippi grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grand-motherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?' She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?'

She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, 'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair.'

Q: What do you call a lawyer gone bad?

A: Senator

Q: What do honest lawyers and UFO's have in common?

A: You always hear about them, but you never see them.

Q: What's the difference between baseball and the law?

A: In baseball, if you're caught stealing, you're out.



Minnesota Alcohol Traffic Safety Association
MATSA provides an educational experience of the highest caliber to Minnesota people that are involved in the prevention and after effects of alcohol abuse and other drug use.

<http://www.masta.us>

Youth Intervention Programs Association
Helping Youth Service Organizations Achieve Their Mission

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Minnesota Association of Pretrial Service Agencies

Our annual Conference will be held Thursday April 17, 2008 at the Landmark Center in Saint Paul.

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Domestic Violence: Fundaments for Community Corrections Practice

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First Annual Motorcycle Rally & Poker Run - Saturday May 17, 2008

<http://www.mnmcca.com>



Minnesota Corrections Association

<http://www.mn-ca.org>

Training and Education Committee

The Training and Education Committee has been working rigorously at making MACPO's 51st Annual Spring Conference a success. This year we changed locations to Breezy Point Resort.

May 21, 2008, Kit Welchin, keynote speaker, presenting on "*Handling Difficult People – Dealing with People You Can't Stand*". Sessions on May 22, 2008, will include: Working with Sex Offenders, Rule 25 Updates, the Kathleen Blatz Family Recovery Program, Understanding the Antisocial Continuum from Kids to Adults, Homeland Security, Trauma Issues with Girls – What Can we Do?, Pretrial Issues, Compulsive Gambling; and Working with Passive Aggressive Youth." May 23, 2008, "*Are You Fun to Work With?*" Motivational speaker Rick Olson will destroy workplace stress and create a dynamic work environment.

MACPO is offering some new activities this year in addition to the golf tournament. Hospitality will be provided by Woodland Hills during the tournament. Also during the tournament, there will be a tour to the Nisswa area for shopping and the shuttle is provided by Prairie Lakes Youth Programs. There will be a VENDOR HOSPITALITY night on Wednesday night following dinner with live music by "Cowboys and Sneakers." Thistledeew will be hosting their annual Hog Roast on Thursday evening this year and Elmore Academy will be providing music for these festivities.

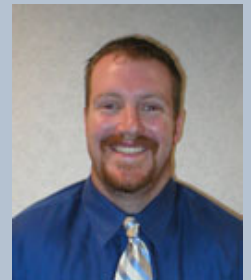
For more highlights on the Spring Conference, please visit the website at <http://www.macpo.org>

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Neal Huemoeller
Co-Chair



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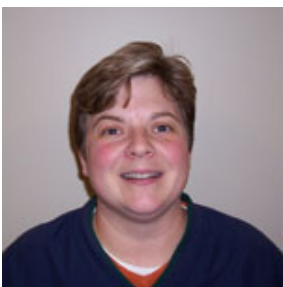
Neal Huemoeller
Wright County Probation

Membership Committee 2008 Winter Report

The Membership Committee is making last minute preparations for the 2008 Spring Conference. We hope to fine tune the online registration process so it is simple and problem free for anyone signing up for the Conference. Please let us know if you have any Conference registration problems.

Committee members have attended several college internship/job fairs this past fall and winter. We are always interested in new opportunities to promote MACPO and the Corrections profession.

Please mention our Memorial College Scholarship when talking with interns and other college students planning careers in Corrections. The \$500 award is announced at our Spring Conference. Student Memorial Scholarship Applications can be downloaded from the MACPO website.



Jill Arbeiter
Co-Chair

When considering MACPO for membership, please remember we are the oldest corrections professional organization in the state dedicated to the field probation officer in terms of training and promoting legislative change. We need your membership to be effective.

We look forward to seeing as many as you as possible at the Spring Conference.



Charles Kitzman
Co-Chair

Legislative Committee Report

The weather is slowly moving toward spring, and the Legislature is slowly moving toward its May adjournment date. Right now their major focus is on achieving their bonding goals within the tight budget constraints. Our Lobbyist, Sherry Munyon, has been following the activity in the various public safety committees and has been providing us with a Legislative Bill “tracking report” so that we can follow the progress of bills of interest to MACPO. We have taken positions on some new bills and are working with other corrections organizations on potential solutions to corrections issues.

With the help of MACPO members and our lobbyist, the “Options 60” workgroup recently succeeded in having a bill introduced which, if passed, would result in an actuarial cost study of early retirement for “post sentencing officers”. This has been a MACPO initiative for several years. The bills are numbered as HF 4132 and SF 3807.

We can expect that things will become more and more hectic as we near the end of the 2008 Session.



Lana Bjorgum
Itaska County Probation
MACPO Legislative
Committee Chair



Steven Paquay
Chisago County Probation
MACPO Legislative
Committee Chair

Your MACPO Legislative Committee will be doing our best to monitor new bills and to ensure that the best interests of both MACPO and our profession are served. As always, feel free to contact me or any of the Legislative Committee with any questions or suggestions you might have.

Steve Paquay
MACPO Legislative Committee Chair

Treasurer's Report

Happy Spring!!! Things are pretty idle right now however we are all gearing up for Spring Conference at Breezy Point in May. Be sure to keep checking the website for registration information.

Account Balances are as follows:

Checking Balance: \$9626.38
WR Money Market: \$18199.83
Affinity Plus CD: \$27611.72
WR Bond Fund: \$10774.12



Sarah Weikle
Pine County Court Services

Communications Report

I think we are all looking forward to spring and to the MACPO Spring Conference at Breezy Point Resort. The Training and Education Committee has done an outstanding job of finding us a new venue and then lining up great speakers and workshops for the conference.

As usual all of the committees have been hard at work not only preparing for the conference, but working behind the scenes to ensure that MACPO remains a strong and vibrant voice in the field of corrections. If you wish to be more active in MACPO, please contact any of the committee chairs to sign up.

See you at Breezy Point Resort May21-23, 2008.

Anne Riley



Anne Riley
Chisago County Court Services

Communication Committee Co-Chair



Christopher Maas
Sherburne County
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