



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY METRO TASK FORCE

Memorandum

To: Lt. S. Rosas #244

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Date: 10/10/08

Ref: Meth Scanner From CDEX

On 10/07/08 there was four illegal narcotic cases were examined using the CDEX scanner. Descriptions and results are listed below.

1. Baggie with white substances-Negative alert- substance was cocaine.
2. Baggie with white substances-Positive alert-substance was Meth.
3. Baggie with black substances-Negative alert-substance was black tar heroin.
4. White substance wrapped in duck tape-Negative alert-substance was China white heroin.

The scanner was tested with substance that was known to be meth and other illegal narcotics. The scanner immediately detected meth and did not detect other illegal narcotics. Tests were conducted without removing any of the original small baggies from the larger zip lock bags that Officers used for packaging.

The scanner worked as advertised. It alerted quickly on meth content and residue that was present in clear baggies. The scanner was able to penetrate a double thickness of baggies for confirmation.

I believe the scanner would be a useful tool for the field use in that it would allow for quick presumptuous confirmation of meth. Tests on suspected meth could be accomplished without having to open suspected baggies of meth and transfer product to containers for chemical tests.