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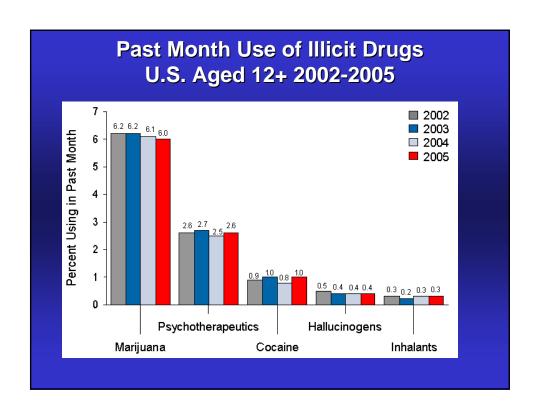
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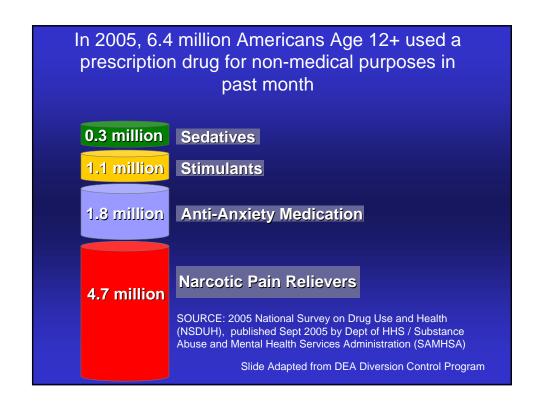
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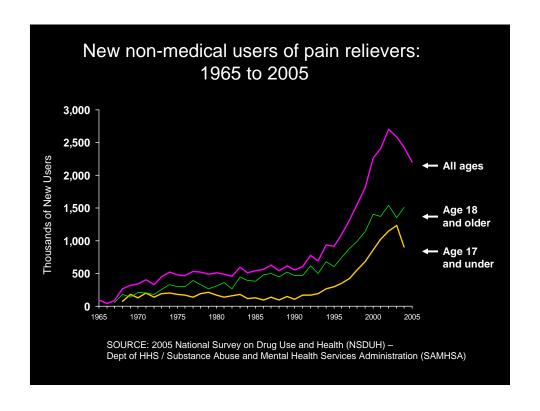
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# Internet Diversion of Controlled Pharmaceuticals

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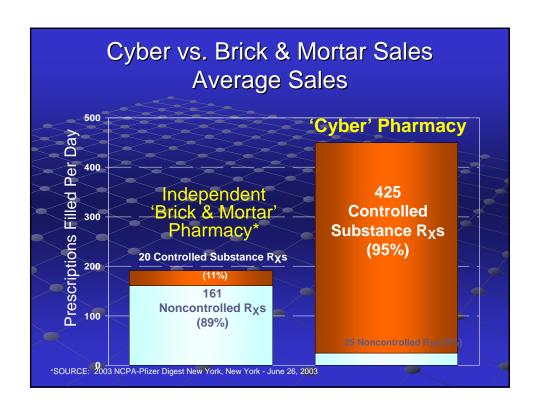




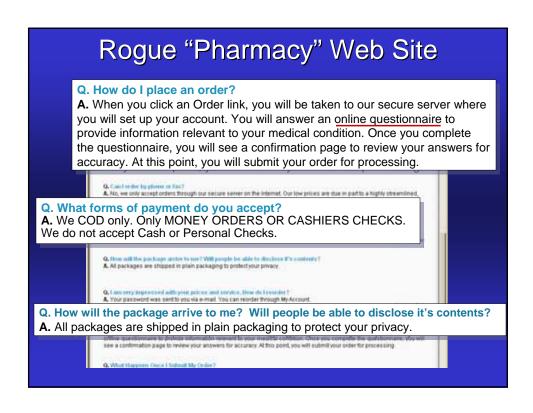


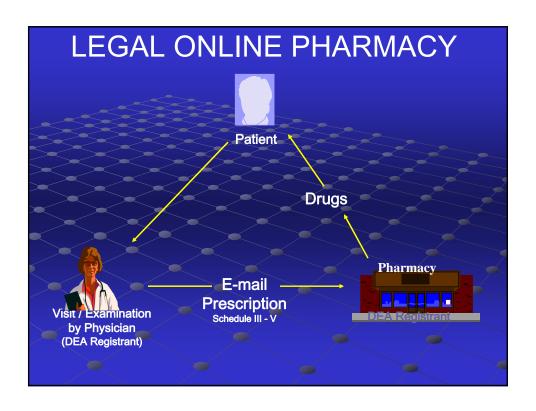
### What's Wrong with Internet Pharmacies ?

- No valid prescription
- No doctor-patient relationship
  - No physical exam, history or diagnosis
- No accountability or follow-up
- Easier to circumvent laws













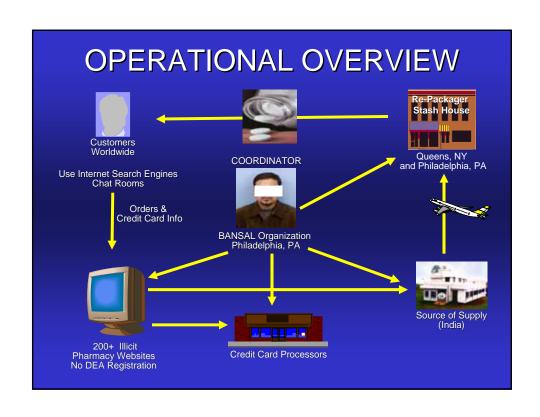


### INITIAL INVESTIGATION (February 2004)

- Pennsylvania seizure of 123 packages of Diazepam at Airborne Express
  - Shipped by ABBAS Enterprises, Chester, PA
  - Airborne Express records revealed 4,000 packages shipped over 20 days by ABBAS Enterprises throughout the U.S.
  - Abbas Enterprises is small arts and crafts business

#### SUBPOENA RESULTS Webhost Identified other Websites Owned by **CRUZ / SHACKLETON** Age: 25 yrs Ryan CRUZ Redstormconsulting.com Rx-mart.com Medicationsfast.com Pharmacyexports.com Meds.biz Pharmacyshack.com Medsbypost.com Rxworld.us Onlinepharmacysources.com Pharmamart.com Pharmacybill.com Valium-pharmacy.com Pharmacyunited.com Xanax-direct.com Unitedmedications.com Pharmacy-list.com Shackhost.com Pillbasket.com Special-lingerie.com Medsit.com Euroshack.com Shackcorp.com Siphem.com Viagravitality.com











# Results of Operation Trafico.com





- Arrests = 12 (11 in Brazil)
- Assets seized = \$4.5 million
  - \$2 million + from Alessandro Favaro

#### Lab at Home of Walter Rau Veira Pelotas, Brazil







#### Role of CICAD and Member States

- Adopt Internet Guide sent from the Expert Group
- Disseminate to appropriate agencies in country
- Review adequacy of national laws & systems
- Seek appropriate training
- Cooperate on investigations

#### **Internet Guide: Topics**

- Description of problem
  - What drugs? Who sells? How?
- Which countries are involved?
  - In the grip
  - Unaffected
  - Clueless



- Participants
- Location
- Technology



### **Internet Guide: Topics**

- Prevention: Public Awareness & Education,
- Legislation needed
- Addressing the problem
- Conducting an investigation
- Coordination
  - Public & Private
  - Domestic & International
- Training

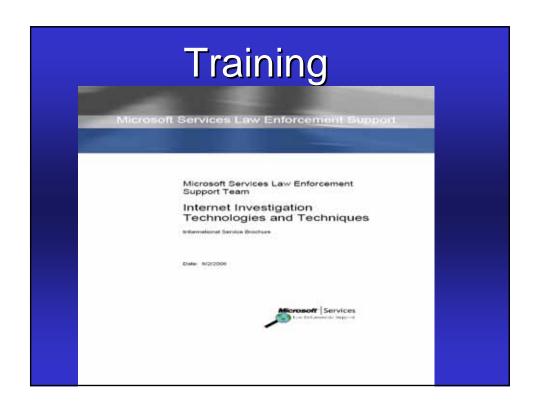
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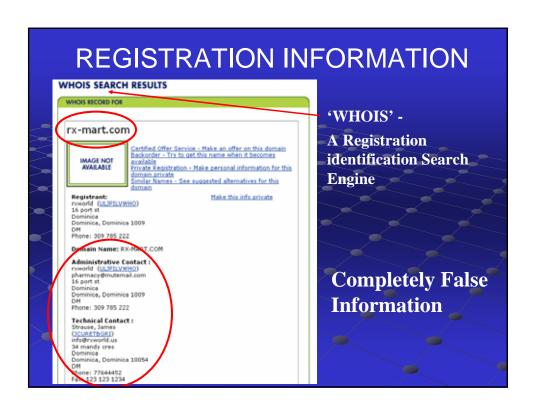
- Are Internet drug sales operations illegal?
- What if no drugs enter or leave the country?

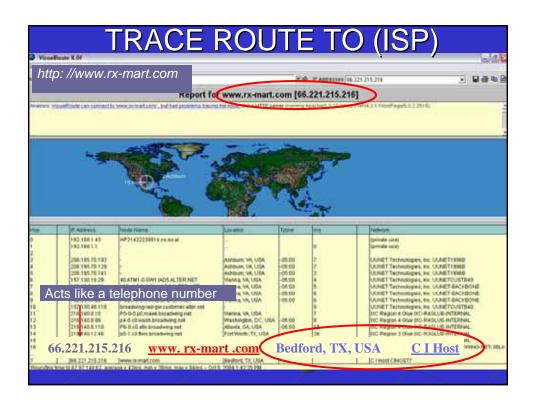


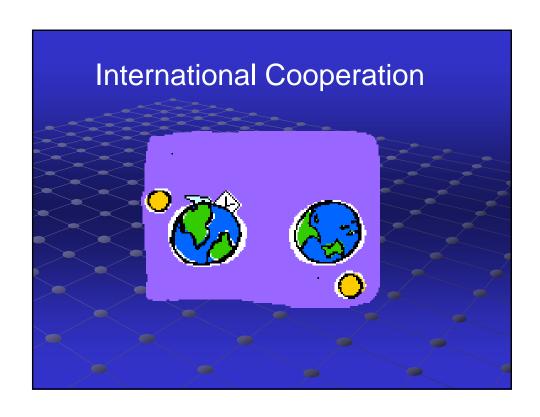
#### **Enforcement Powers**

- Undercover operations
- Intercept communications
- Require preservation of communications
- Search warrants all elements of operation
  - Example: credit card statements of buyers to trace money
- Seizure authority
  - Computers & hardware
  - Assets accrued or used









# OPERATION "CYBER CHASE" International Enforcement

- Government of IndiaNarcotics Control Bureau
- Government of CanadaRoyal Canadian Mounted Police
- Government of AustraliaAustralian Federal Police
- Government of Costa Rica





