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FACT SHEET

CHRONIC CANDY

- Chronic Candy (Kronic Candy) is manufactured by food companies in Amsterdam and Germany. It is packaged with images of bright green marijuana leaves.
- The company and product names use pot-related slang commonly associated with marijuana including "Acapulco Gold" and "Sticky Icky Skunk".
- Chronic (Kronic) candy, which is packaged like a lollipop, is being targeted in a number of communities, particularly in minority communities.
- Chronic (Kronic) candy is sold like marijuana in 'nickel bags' and is sold in smoke stores, some community or convenient stores, gas stations and over the internet nationwide.

MARIJUANA USE FACTS

- According to a federal funded survey, "2004 Monitoring the Future Study," conducted by the University of Michigan, 16.3% of eighth graders, 35.1% of tenth graders, and 45.7% of twelfth graders reported using marijuana at least once during their lifetimes. ⁽¹⁾
- A 2002 SAMHSA report, *Initiation of Marijuana Use: Trends, Patterns and Implications*, concludes that the younger children are when they first use marijuana, the more likely they are to use cocaine and heroin and become dependent on drugs as adults. ⁽²⁾
- Marijuana abuse is associated with many detrimental health effects. These effects can include frequent respiratory infections, impaired memory and learning, increased heart rate, anxiety, panic attacks and tolerance. ⁽³⁾
- Someone who smokes marijuana regularly may have many of the same respiratory problems that tobacco smokers do, such as daily cough and phlegm production, more frequent acute chest illnesses, a heightened risk of lung infections, and a greater tendency toward obstructed airways. ⁽⁴⁾

KEY CONCERNS

- Chronic (Kronic) Candy (and other marijuana flavored products) is a threat to youth because it gives the false impression that marijuana is fun and safe.
- Products such as Chronic (Kronic) Candy and other marijuana flavored products packaged as lollipops can fall into the hands of unsuspecting youth and can serve as a gateway product for future marijuana use.
- Merchants who sell this product are promoting marijuana and are creating new customers for marijuana and other drug dealers.