Borough of Berwick Police Department

Methamphetamine Awareness

Manufacturing Methamphetamine

- Manufacturing Methamphetamine is extremely dangerous and involves many common household chemical products .
- Locally the most common process of manufacturing Methamphetamine has been determined to be the "One Pot Method". This process involves mixing all the precursors in a single vessel and takes less than two hours to make.

Methods of Use and Effects

- Methamphetamine can be snorted, smoked, injected or taken orally.
- Instantly after smoking or injecting the drug, the user experiences an intense rush that lasts only a few minutes.
- Snorting produces the effects within 3 to 5 minutes.
- Oral ingestion produces effects within 15 to 20 minutes.

Signs of Use

- Signs of Methamphetamine use include: dilated pupils, sweating, flushed skin, dry mouth, clouded mental functioning, hyperactivity and tremors.

- Methamphetamine users may also exhibit aggressive and psychotic behavior, irritability, anxiety, paranoia and hallucinations.

Methamphetamine Laboratory Recognition

- Frequent visitors showing up at a residence all hours of the day and night, staying only a short time and an increase in disturbances at the residence.
- An increased amount of household chemical products in the trash and a strong chemical odor coming from the residence often.
- The installation of surveillance cameras and the covering of windows.
- Dramatic change in behavior and appearance of the residents.

Methamphetamine Precursors

Backpack Kit

“One Pot Method”

Key Precursors

Pseudoephedrine

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- Pseudoephedrine and/or Ephedrine are key precursors in the manufacturing of Methamphetamine.
- Pseudoephedrine and Ephedrine are commonly found in cold and allergy medications.

Instant Cold Pack

Ammonium Nitrate

- Instant cold packs contain Ammonium Nitrate, which is a key precursor in the manufacturing of Methamphetamine.

Lithium Batteries

Lithium

- Lithium is a key precursor in the manufacturing of Methamphetamine.
- Lithium batteries are striped for the lithium metal inside and placed into the "One Pot Method" reaction vessel.

Drain Cleaner

Sodium Hydroxide

- Common household drain cleaners contain Sodium Hydroxide, which is a key precursor in the manufacturing of Methamphetamine.

“One Pot Method”

Common Precursors

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- In addition to the four key precursors, the following additional precursors will be found in varying combinations.

- Muriatic acid, Sulfuric acid, Ronsonol, Naphtha Petroleum, Aluminum and Sodium Iodine

"One Pot Method"

- Common Reaction Vessel

Gas Generators

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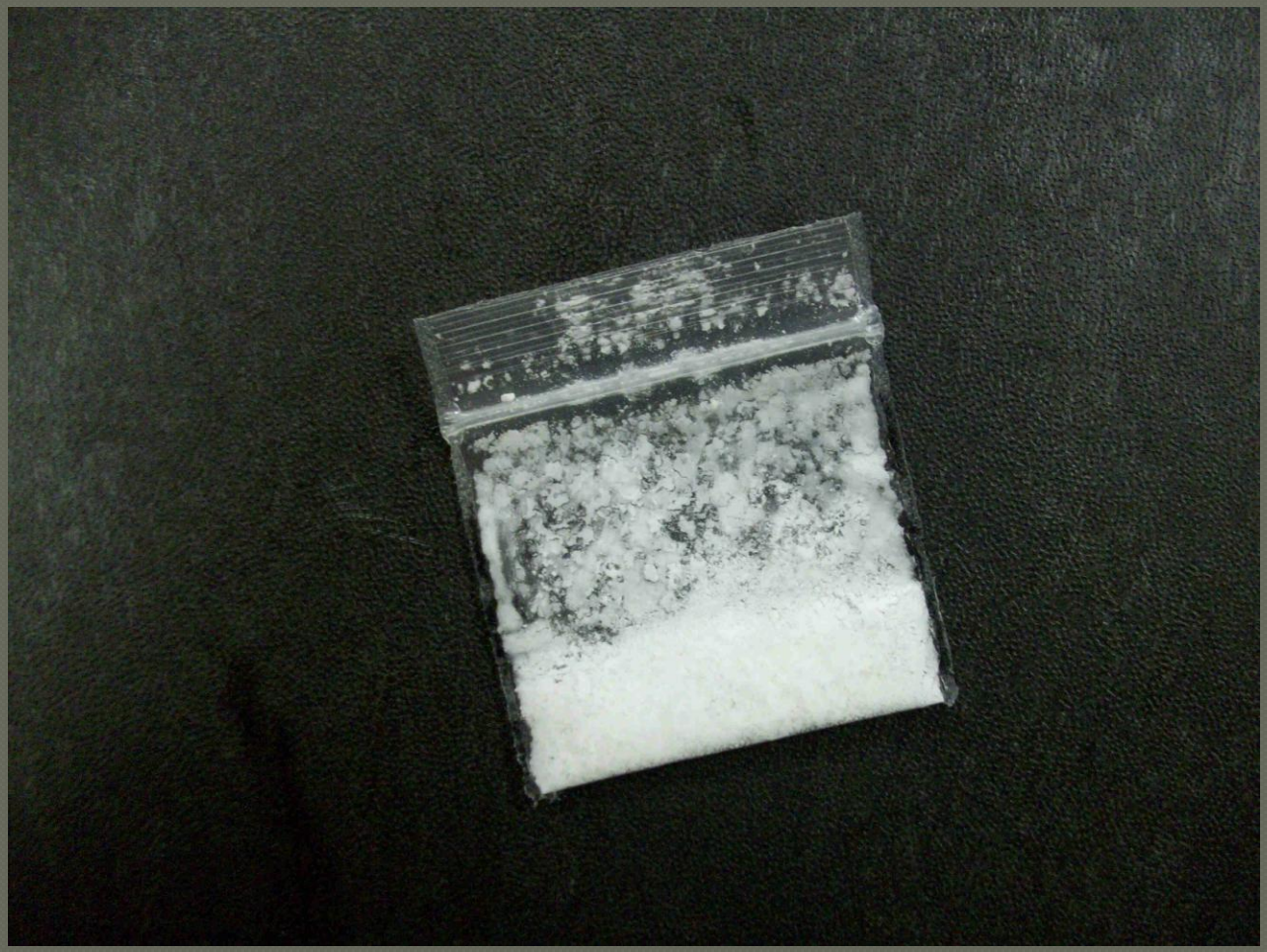
- Gas generators are separate vessels in which chemicals are combined to create a gas used in the finishing process of manufacturing Methamphetamine.
- Gas generators can be identified by the tubing which is attached to the opening of the vessel.

Common Packaging Material

Methamphetamine Powdered Form



Methamphetamine Rock or Hard Form

Methamphetamine Dump Site

Mobile Methamphetamine Lab

Results of a "One Pot Method" Explosion

Thank You