

# Faces of Meth



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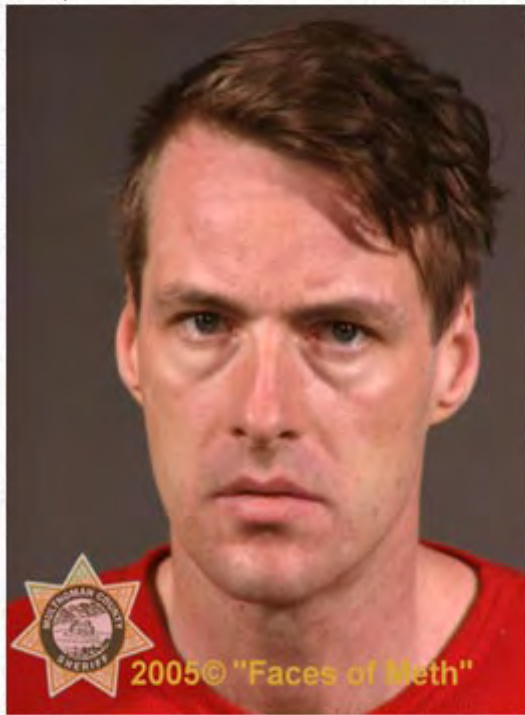


# Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine (Meth) Was Once Located In Rural Towns And On The West Coast, Has Erupted Across The United States And Is Now Devastating Countless Families, Children And Neighborhoods.

# What is Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine (Meth) Is A Powerfully Addictive Stimulant That Has A High Potential For Abuse And Dramatically Affects The Central Nervous System.



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# Is Meth Addictive?

Meth Is Addictive, And Users Can Develop A Tolerance Quickly, Needing Larger Amounts To Get High.



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# Did You Know

In Some Cases, Users Forego Food And Sleep And Take More Meth Every Few Hours For Days, 'Binging' Until They Run Out Of The Drug Or Become Too Disorganized To Continue.



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# Did You Know

Immediately After Smoking Or Injection, The User Experiences An Intense Sensation, Called A “ Rush” Or "Flash," That Lasts Only A Few Minutes And Is Described As Extremely Pleasurable.



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# Did You Know

Snorting Or Swallowing Meth Produces Euphoria - A High, But Not A Rush.



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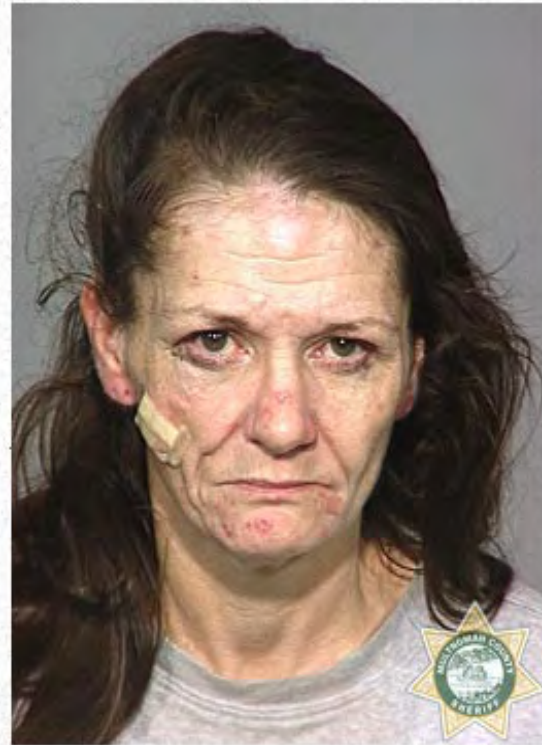
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# Did You Know

- After The Initial "Rush," There Is Typically A State Of High Agitation That In Some Individuals Can Lead To Violent Behavior.



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# Did You Know

Other Possible Immediate Effects Include Increased Wakefulness And Insomnia, Decreased Appetite, Irritability/Aggression, Anxiety, Nervousness, Convulsions And Heart Attack.





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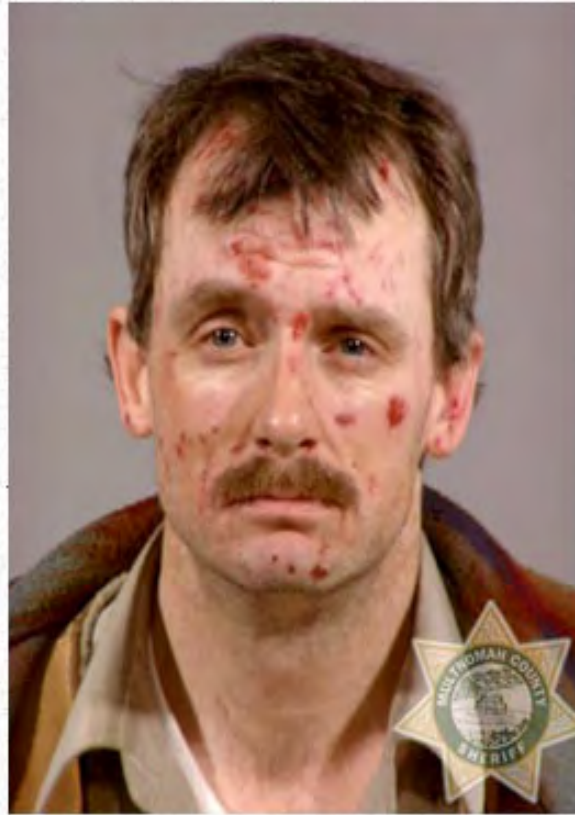
# Did You Know

"More Than 12 Million Americans Have Tried Methamphetamine, And 1.5 Million Are Regular Users."

- *David J. Jefferson, "America's Most Dangerous Drug" Newsweek August 8, 2005*



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# Did You Know

"Untold Families Who Bought Homes In Recent Years Live In Former Meth Labs."

- Some, Upon Discovering Their Homes Were Filled With Residue From Acetone, Red Phosphorus And Other Toxic Agents, Have Fled, Losing Their Investment And A Life's Worth Of Treasured Possessions."

*- Richard Jerome "Home Toxic Home?" People August 8, 2005*

# Did you know

"Meth Addicts Are Pouring Into Prisons And Recovery Centers At An Ever-increasing Rate, And A New Generation Of 'Meth Babies' Is Choking The Foster-care System In Many States."

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