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DRAFT CUYAHOGA COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER
STATISTICAL REPORT 2011 – HEROIN RELATED DEATHS

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office hereby releases a draft 2011 statistical report, for Medical Examiner-ruled heroin-related death in Cuyahoga County, with the following notations:

*NOTE: Heroin-related deaths means that heroin or the proper combination of metabolites were present and were a direct or supporting cause of the ruled death.

Medical Examiner-ruled heroin-related deaths* for 2011 (to date)
107 ruled cases in Cuyahoga County. 25 ruled cases were female, 82 male.
THIS REPRESENTS A 189% INCREASE SINCE 2007.
23.36% of heroin-related deaths in Cuyahoga County are female, a 316% INCREASE SINCE 2007.
82.8% of heroin-related deaths in Cuyahoga County are white.
56 heroin-related deaths occurred in the City of Cleveland, or 52.3%.
1 occurred in an unknown location and 50 occurred in suburban communities, or 46.7%. SUBURBAN INCIDENCE HAS RISEN 285% SINCE 2007.

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Annual statistical data reports from the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office are available online at: http://coroner.cuyahogacounty.us/. Members of the media who wish additional medical examiner’s statistical reports, must make such requests pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 313.10 to: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office, 11001 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, OH 44106 Or via email: hshannon@cuyahogacounty.us

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