



**SUSPECT ID NO. 7228:  
METHAMPHETAMINE**

**CRIMINAL FACT SHEET:  
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**PROFILE OF THE SUSPECT:**

Known to some as a 'party drug', the suspect makes its rounds in nightclubs and discos. It lures partygoers into a never-ending cycle of addiction with its promise of instant pleasure along with undeclared harmful health effects.

This evil substance is a synthetic drug, which means that it does not originate from a plant. It is also a member of the amphetamine family. Different amphetamines in the family vary in strength. During the 1990s, methamphetamine was produced in kitchens thus earning it the nickname 'Stove Top'. As this drug speeds up messages to and from the brain, it also has the nickname 'Speed'.

Methamphetamine is a very addictive and strong stimulant. Abuse of this drug can lead to serious physical effects such as permanent damage to blood vessels of the heart and brain, organ failure, respiratory problems if smoked and infectious diseases if injected. The suspect attacks the abuser even during the withdrawal stage with side effects like depression, damage to the brain, anxiety and insomnia.

**'METH MOUTH':**

The suspect is particularly notorious for causing abusers to lose their teeth much faster than normal. The effects of methamphetamine on the oral cavity are serious because its acidic ingredients harm the teeth. The drug also dries up the mouth thus the teeth lose a protective coat of saliva. In informal terms, this oral condition seen in abusers is known as 'Meth Mouth.'

**UNCOVERING THE SUSPECT'S DISGUISE:**

Methamphetamine is a sneaky drug that comes in many different forms.

Some of the forms that it takes on are:

- Tablet
- Powder
- Colourless and odourless crystal (this is the more common form which looks like glass fragments or bluish-white ice cubes, hence the nickname 'Ice' in Singapore)

**STREET NAMES IN SUSPECT'S ID:**

- 'Ice' (crystallised form)
- Glass (crystallised form)
- Crystal (crystallised form)
- Speed (crystallised or powder form)
- 'Ya ba' or Crazy Horse (tablet form)

In Singapore, most 'Ya ba' tablets are embossed with the logo 'WY' and are either green or orange in colour.



**AN EX-ABUSER SPEAKS:**

"I thought I was totally enjoying my life in nightclubs, taking meth and soaking up all the 'pleasures' that this drug gives but I was so wrong. My body has suffered so badly from all the nasty side effects of meth but I can't help but return to it again and again. If only I could turn back time..."

**LEGAL PENALTIES:**

- If found in possession or consumption of methamphetamine:  
Up to 10 years of imprisonment or S\$20,000 fine or both
- Manufacture of methamphetamine or any of its salts:  
Death penalty upon conviction
- Illegal traffic, import or export of methamphetamine:
  - 1) Exceeding 250 grams: Possible death penalty
  - 2) Not less than 167 grams and not exceeding 250 grams:  
30 years of imprisonment, life imprisonment or 15 strokes of the cane



**ABUSE OF METHAMPHETAMINE CARRIES A STIFF PENALTY LIKE ANY OTHER DRUGS. APART FROM LEGAL ACTION THAT WILL BE TAKEN, THE BODY WILL ALSO TAKE A SEVERE BEATING FROM THE UNFORGIVING EFFECTS OF THIS DRUG.**

If you notice a friend behaving strangely and the signs match those of drug addiction, immediate help must be rendered. You may contact the following helplines:

- 1) Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANA)  
Tel: 1800-733-4444 (Mon-Fri, 8.30AM – 6.00PM)
- 2) Samaritans of Singapore (SOS)  
Tel: 1800-221-4444 (24 hours daily)
- 3) Teen Challenge (Singapore)  
Tel: 6793 7933 (Mon-Fri, 9.00AM – 6.00PM)
- 4) National Addictions Management Service (NAMS)  
Tel: 6732 6837 (Mon-Fri, 8.30AM – 10.00PM)

If you have been approached to try drugs or wish to report any information, please call the CNB hotline at 1800-325-6666

**LIFE DOES NOT REWIND.  
SAY 'NO' TO DRUGS.**

Visit these links for more information on drug abuse:

- LiveItLoud blog: <http://liveitloud.sg/>
- Life Does Not Rewind Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/lifedoesnotrewind>
- CNB website: <http://www.cnb.gov.sg/>