Synthetic Drug Use is a Growing Threat in New England

Prepared by Kirstin Walsh, Analyst, Massachusetts General Hospital

Overview

The US is currently seeing an increase in synthetic substances, also termed “designer drugs,” which are essentially artificial drugs that have been developed to avoid existing drug control measures. These synthetic drugs are growing in popularity across the country and are causing major concern to public health officials, poison control centers, hospital emergency departments, and law enforcement. Many states have begun enacting legislation to reduce the availability of these dangerous substances.

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These drugs range from synthetic marijuana (K2, Spice, etc.) to “bath salts” that are comprised of mephedrone, a synthetic substance, intended for recreational drug use/substance abuse. Bath salts are sold with various names: White Rush, Cloud Nine, White Lighting, Vanilla Sky, etc.

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Chairperson’s Message

It was wonderful seeing everyone at our September meeting; what a wonderful venue. Many thanks to Jim Braver for being our honored guest speaker.

It is time for the Chapter to be considering its leadership team for next year. Currently, Vice Chair Dave Corbin will be running for Chairperson, Secretary Ashley Ditta will be running for Vice Chair, and Treasurer Jim Healey will be seeking a second term in that position. If you are interested in running for a leadership position or are willing to assist on one of our committees, please email me or Rich Zupan by October 20, 2012 at jgoba@partners.org or richard_zupan@bradycorp.com.

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We are fast approaching our October luncheon meeting, which will be held on October 17th at the UMass Club in Boston with registration starting at 11:30 am. I am excited to announce that our guest speaker will be Carol Martinson, who will be presenting on Intentional Security Design. (See story on page 3).

Our November meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2012, at Montvale Plaza in Stoneham with registration starting at 5:30 pm. This is our very special Awards and Networking night, and I would love to see a lot of support for our award and scholarship recipients. There is still limited time to fill out the nomination form for Manning Fund recipients and to nominate an active chapter member for the chapter’s Sheldon E. Goodman award. All Goodman nominations should be sent to Rich Zupan, and all Manning Fund nominations should be addressed to Mike Pepe at Mike.Pepe@astrazeneca.com.

In addition, we will be hosting a Book Drive to support the non-organization, More Than Words. More Than Words is an amazing nonprofit, social enterprise that empowers youth who are in the foster care system, court involved, homeless, or out of school to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business. Please bring one or more books to donate and check out their website at www.mtwyouth.org.

Please visit the ASIS Boston website to sign up for our website advertising. This is a wonderful opportunity to get some additional marketing for your company.

As always, please contact me with any concerns, questions and suggestions. Best,

Jennifer Goba,
Chairperson, ASIS Boston

Welcome New ASIS Boston Members!

August/September
Joseph J. Andrasik, Security Officer
Longwood Security Services, Inc.
Warren T. Bamford, Vice President
National Grid
Jennifer Buzawa, Assistant Security Manager
Raytheon Co.
Robert R. Callen, Security Manager
Coca-Cola Co.
Ellen B. Cargill, CTO
Scallop Imaging
Janet B. Ceddia, President
Security Construction Services
John D. Clifford, Security Supervisor
DistriGas of Massachusetts, LLC
Ryan S. Corley, Asset Protection Manager
Raytheon
Ruth A. Cote, Security Compliance Manager
MorphoTrust USA, Inc.
Matthew C. Dunbrack, Facility Security Officer
TASC
Michael R. Estrom, Operations Manager
ABM Security Services
Manny Gonzalez, Operations Training Manager
State Street Corp.
Lucy S. Johnson, Senior Manager, Program Security
Raytheon Company
James Michael Judge, Facility Security Officer
CENTRA Technology, Inc.
Duane R. Keegan, Police Officer
MIT
Peter H. Kelly, President
Securitek Systems, Inc.
James Kottas, Information Security Officer
MorphoTrust USA, Inc.
Michael K. Landadio, Site Security Officer
MorphoTrust USA, Inc.
Kelley A. Lederer, Loss Prevention Investigations Manager, TJX Companies, Inc./HomeGoods
Karl Lennon
Schneider Electric
Gregory P. Lindblad, Program Manager, National Accounts, Axis Communications
Thomas O’Neill, Vice President
Constant Observation Services

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Go behind the scenes of security design at October luncheon meeting

ASIS Boston’s October meeting speaker will share the inside view of Intentional Security Design at our Chapter meeting on October 17th, 2012, at the UMass Boston Club.

Carol Martinson was appointed vice president of Asset Protection for SUPERVALU, Inc. in October 2006. She first joined SUPERVALU as Corporate Security Director in June 2005 and came with extensive experience in various security roles in the grocery, retailing and banking industries. Martinson leads the Asset Protection team to ensure SUPERVALU is the best place to work, shop, and invest by providing a safe and secure environment for customers and associates while protecting company assets.

Prior to joining Supervalu, Martinson served as risk management director of Lund Food Holdings, Inc. Prior to her tenure at Lund’s, Martinson worked at Target Corporation where she began as an operations and investigations manager on her way to becoming Asset Protection Director. Martinson began her security career at First Bank System starting as a Security Officer and finally Vice President, Corporate Security. She is a Certified Security Services Financial Professional, active in ASIS International, ISMA, IACFI, and has served on the planning commission and boards of Bank Administration Institute, Food Marketing Institute, and Crime Stoppers, Inc. Martinson received a B.A. in Business Administration and English from Concordia University in Moorhead, MN.

Register online at www.asis-boston.org, or at the door starting at 11:30 am. Cost is just $30.00.

Beaudry, Forest collaborate on new educational programs

Longtime ASIS Boston member Mark H. Beaudry, PhD, CPP, and Prof. James J. F. Forest, PhD, have been working together to develop graduate courses in Security Studies for the Criminal Justice Department at UMass Lowell. The University Board recently approved a new MA/MS degree program in Security Studies for Fall 2013.

Beaudry, who is a retired intelligence specialist from the US Marine Corps, is an educator, and senior security professional with IBM. He holds a Bachelor’s degree and Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice, both from Northeastern University, and a PhD in Criminal Justice from Capella University. A member of ASIS International for more than 25 years, he chairs ASIS Boston’s Certification Committee, and frequently conducts educational programs for ASIS Boston members, including the upcoming CPP/PSP/PCI Review Course on October 24-26. He is a frequent contributor to The Security Beacon.

Dr. Beaudry and Prof. Forest have also partnered on the creation of an outline for a new Center for Security Research and Technologies, which has been approved and is awaiting funding. The Center is expected to be a huge contributor to the advancement of the security profession as the body of knowledge in Security Studies continues to grow.

We extend sincere thanks to Dr. Beaudry and Prof. Forest for their dedication and hard work on these endeavors.
## October

### 1-2
**Contract & Procurement Fraud**  
Seattle, WA

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**FREE Webinar:**  
Taking the Mystery Out of PSIM

### 15-16
**Conducting Corporate Investigations**, Las Vegas, NV

### 15-17
**Video Surveillance: Applications and Advances**, Las Vegas, NV

### 15-18
**CFE Exam Review Course**  
New York, NY

### 17
**ASIS Boston Luncheon Meeting**  
UMass Club  
225 Franklin St, 33rd Fl, Boston  
Guest Speaker: Carol Martinson, Vice President, Asset Protection, SUPERVALU, Inc.  
Cost: $30.00 per person  
In person registration begins at 11:30 am  
Online registration can be completed at [www.asis-boston.org](http://www.asis-boston.org)

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Las Vegas, NV |
| 18-19 | Money Laundering Schemes  
Los Angeles, CA  
Cloud Computing: Security’s Transformative Technology  
Las Vegas, NV |
| 23   | **FREE Webinar:**  
Achieving ASIS Board Certification: The PCI Journey |
| 24   | **FREE Webinar:**  
Modeling and Simulation for Optimizing Security System Design |
| 24-26 | 3rd International Conference on Violence in the Health Sector  
Vancouver, British Columbia |
| 28-31 | 2012 Canadian Fraud Conference  
Ottawa, ON |

### November

### 1-2
**Investigating on the Internet**  
Salt Lake City, UT

### 4-6
**2012 Asia Pacific Fraud Conference**  
Hong Kong

### 5-6
**IAHSS BC Chapter Educational Event**  
Vancouver, British Columbia

### 5-8
**CFE Exam Review Course**  
Austin, TX

### 7
**Webinar:**  
Tag You’re It! Providing Flawless Customer Service in the Healthcare Security Environment

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Book Review

Three Cups of Tea
by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

This story is without a doubt, amazing and inspiring to read. I highly recommend it. Mortenson is incredible, and the story needs to be read by every security professional.

Mortenson found himself in the very remote village of Korphe, after failing to climb the mountain known as K2. His success at impacting the lives of thousands of Pakistani children through the construction of schools is heroic and endless. This story needs to be shared with students, politicians, the military, and others concerned with children being educated and having some quality of life, regardless of where they live.

The barriers that Mortenson had to overcome were enormous and the challenges of building schools in Pakistan were remarkable, given the time frame just prior to 9/11 and after. Yet, Mortenson never gave up, nor did he take monies that would jeopardize the schools’ security posture at the local village level. Even though Mortenson faced many setbacks, he continued to seek financial support to build schools while it took a toll on his personal life. Mortenson cared enough to take the time to learn the village norms and mannerisms, the village politics and hierarchy, as well as the Pakistani mujahedeen characteristics by geographic area. Doing so enabled his success, regardless of those who sought to prevent his work.

The authors clearly demonstrate the power of the village leaders and the Sharia courts. Reading this work will be an eye-opener for security professionals unfamiliar with the customs and mannerisms of Pakistan.

Mortenson has accomplished much and continues to do so, even as the conflict of fighting the Global Jihadist Movement in Pakistan continues. His determination to repay the generosity shown to him, and to fulfill a promise to the village leader and his people by building them a school remains undiminished. In addition, Mortenson has committed himself to fundraising and building many more schools in Pakistan. The story has passion and you feel that you are walking and talking in Greg’s shoes throughout his travels in Pakistan. The book has merit in that it highlights the value of education for the future of children. Mortenson argues convincingly that the Wahhabi madrrassas funded by Saudi Arabia are fostering hatred against America. The book is a must-read for all security professionals responsible for coordinating travel security programs for their companies.

The work that Mortenson has accomplished should be applauded by all! For more pictures you can visit the Central Asia Institute website.

Reviewed by: Mark H. Beaudry, PhD, CPP
American Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts provides emergency assistance and more

Submitted by Bob Michalski, CPP

When a disaster threatens or strikes, the relief teams of the American Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts (ARC of Eastern Massachusetts) provide onsite and follow-up disaster assistance by helping clients with a place to stay, food to eat, clothes to wear, medication, and mental health services. According to ARC of Eastern Massachusetts Communications Manager Jillian Fennimore, “We address their basic human needs, help them recover from the disaster, and resume their normal daily lives as quickly as possible.”

Headquartered in Cambridge, ARC of Eastern Massachusetts is part of the largest and most diverse service organization in the US. ARC of Eastern Massachusetts serves 4.9 million people across 181 cities and towns in the Commonwealth, including Boston. Every day, the organization depends on staff, volunteers, donors, and private individuals to carry out its important local work.

Basic Statistics

In 2011, ARC of Eastern Massachusetts:
- responded to 461 emergencies
- provided $500,000 in financial assistance
- provided emergency assistance to 991 families
- educated more than 44,330 people through community preparedness outreach

Provided health and safety training to:
- 58,404 individuals trained in CPR, First Aid, and AED
- 25,661 individuals trained in lifeguarding and water safety
- 5,674 individuals trained in other health related courses, including pet first aid

Health care job training and certification was received by:
- 1,962 people in 2011

International social services
- 87 tracing cases completed (Holocaust and others)
- educated 39 people in International Humanitarian Law & restoring family links

Services to Armed Forces
- Served 918 military cases
- Educated 1,715 people about available services

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Volunteerism

- 2,445 volunteers available in 2011
- 48,930 volunteer hours completed

The American Red Cross teaches individuals, families, businesses, places of worship, community groups, and students how to prevent, prepare for, mitigate, and respond to disasters. Through presentations, community partnerships, and events, the Red Cross teaches the importance of understanding our region’s vulnerabilities and the steps needed to prepare for emergencies.

American Red Cross volunteers

- teach First Aid, CPR, swimming, and other lifesaving skills;
- respond to disasters and reconnect families separated by disasters or conflicts;
- support blood drives;
- help veterans, and members of the military and their families in the US and overseas.

The “Ready When the Time Comes” program trains employees of participating companies and organizations as Red Cross disaster volunteers to serve in an emergency. The program, established in 2001, has trained more than 13,000 employees from 460 businesses and groups in 52 cities. These volunteers have been part of Red Cross responses in such events as flooding along the Mississippi River, Hurricane Irene, and several tornadoes.

The Red Cross encourages people who have been thinking about volunteering to take the plunge. Anyone wanting to make a difference should contact the ARC of Eastern Massachusetts to learn about getting involved. All volunteer and training opportunities are free of charge, and there is no shortage of ways you can make a difference in the lives of people who need it most.

To volunteer contact ARC of Eastern Massachusetts at www.bostonredcross.org or call (617) 274-5200.

ASIS Boston Dinner Meeting & Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, November 14, 2012
Montvale Plaza, Stoneham

Bring a book for donation to More Than Words
Register online at www.asis-boston.org
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They are easily available online and in most convenience stores. Packages usually include text stating, “not for human consumption,” however, this is simply done in order to circumvent regulation of the substance. Abusers inject, ingest, or inhale these substances. The most common side effects reported are agitation, tachycardia (increased heart rate), and delusions/hallucinations.

As of April 2011, poison control centers in 22 states had received calls regarding bath salts and 42 states had reported having issues with them. In New England, Maine has experienced a severe problem with these drugs. In 2011, the Northern New England Poison Control Center reported 152 overdoses on bath salts in Maine; they were outlawed there in September 2011.

Local implications

Boston EMS does not currently track synthetic drug use, although overdoses and emergency transports involving opioids (such as heroin, oxycotin, methadone, etc.) are tracked. At this time, there are not measures in place to screen for synthetic drug use because few labs actually perform tests for these materials and often time tests are costly.

Currently, bath salts are legal in Massachusetts and can be sold and possessed with no age requirements. However, lawmakers are currently reviewing a bill to ban the possession and sale of bath salts in this state. If passed and signed into law, the bill will label bath salts as a Class C substance (hallucinogen). Thirty-eight states have outlawed bath salts thus far, and the DEA lists bath salts as a Schedule I Substance, along with LSD and heroin.

Sources
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Donna M. Reiss, Government Sales Account Manager, American Science & Engineering
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Leelena M. Wheeler, Security Manager L-3 Communications
Jose M. Martinez, Acquisition Security Manager, US Air Force

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Executive Protection
Annapolis, MD

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Webinar:
Tasers in Your Facility: Balance Liability Against Threats

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Principles of Fraud Examination
Austin, TX

6-7
Health Care Fraud
Houston, TX

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Legal Elements of Fraud Examination
Las Vegas, NV

11-12
Fraud Risk Management
Las Vegas, NV

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Resilience Management Lead Auditor Certification
Leiden, Netherlands
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