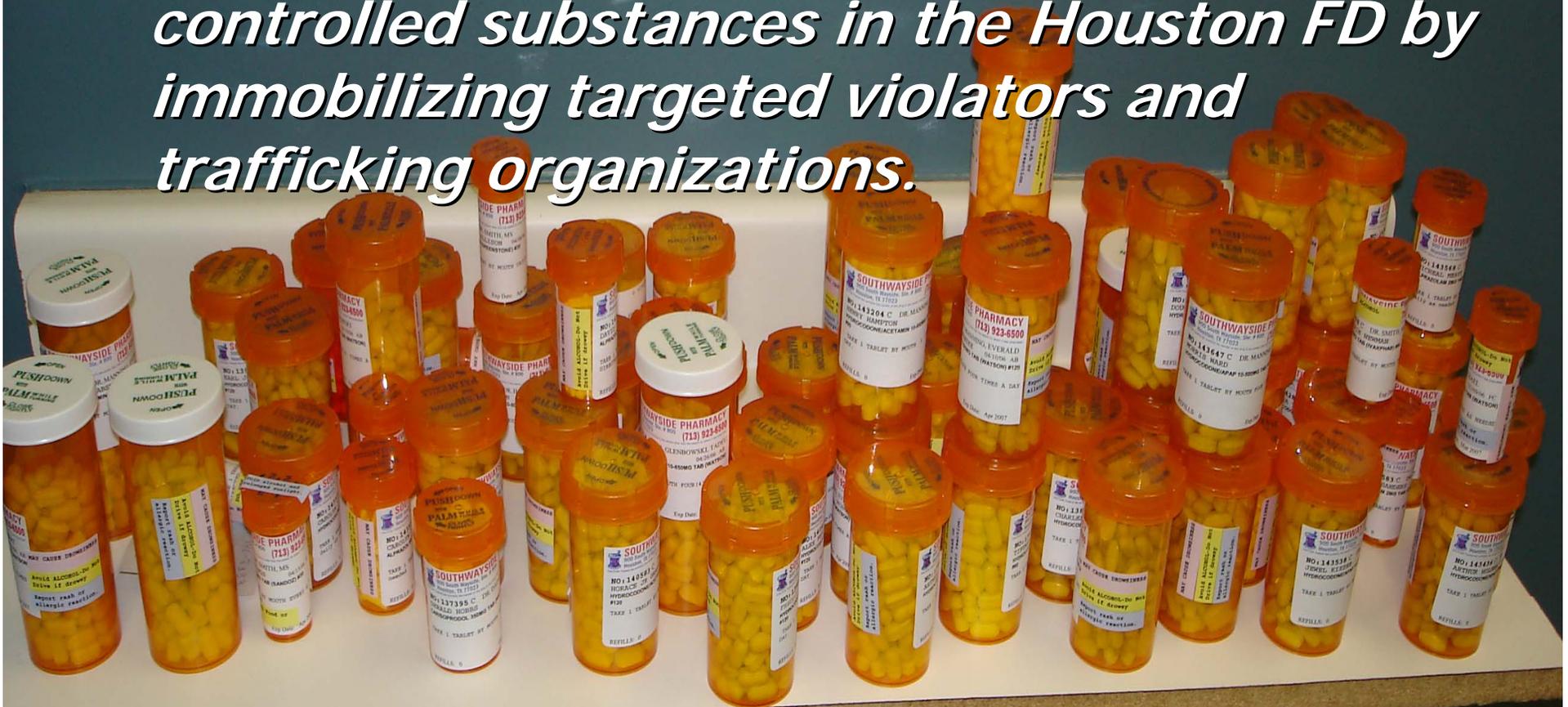




# Mission

*The DEA Houston Diversion mission is to disrupt the trafficking of pharmaceutical controlled substances in the Houston FD by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations.*



# Drug Diversion

## *Background/Issues*

- Houston area has 2,500+ retail pharmacies
- Several major wholesale warehouses, and is recognized world-wide for its medical community
- Pain Clinics
  - 100 Pain Clinics operate in the Houston area
  - 2 dozen medical directors work the clinics
  - Significant amounts of Hydrocodone are distributed east

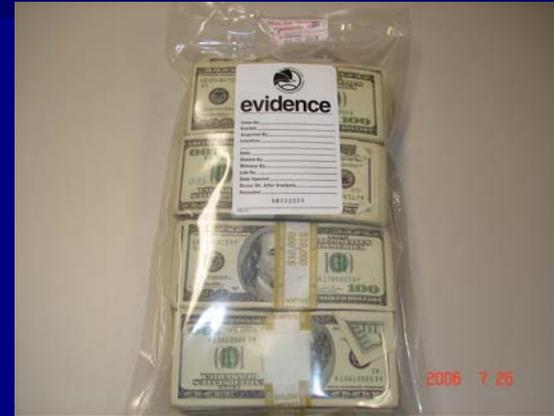
# Investigative Techniques

- Arcos Data (Automated Reports & Consolidated Orders System)
  - Mechanism to track narcotic controlled drugs in CII - CV
  
- Undercover Buys
  - Determine if registrants are operating for no legitimate medical purpose
  
- Trash Runs and Mail Covers
  - ID communications, assets, financial accounts

# PHOTOS



Seized Money



Seized Money



Seized Mercedes



Seized Tahoe



Seized Mercedes

# Investigative Techniques

- Voluntary Surrenders
- Target Wholesale Distributors
  - Suspicious Orders
- Hot Spot Checks
  - PC T-Stop SUV's that drop off/pick up multiple subjects at high volume clinics/pharmacies
- Regulatory Checks
  - Inspect suspected pharmacies/pain clinics
- City/Code Violations

# Texas Legislative Goals

- Require owners of clinics to be an MD
- Require Board Certification
- Implement a Doctor Shopping Law
- Increase oversight on doctors who supervise physician assistants

# Billboard

**STOP Illegal Prescription Drug Abuse and Trafficking:**

Dishonest Pain Clinics and Pharmacies • Questionable Practitioners • Illegal Internet Sites

**SAVE  LIVES**



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