

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes, a regular meeting of the **Brown County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board** was held on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Jed Neuman, Pat Evans, John Gossage, Heidi Michels, Brian Shoup, Jason Beck,
Dave Lasee, Dave Poteat, Guy Shepardson
Citizen Reps: Tim McNulty, Jeff Jazgar
Excused:

1. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Patrick Evans at 3:34 p.m.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

**Motion made by Brian Shoup, seconded by Tim Mc Nulty to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Approve/Modify Minutes of April 24, 2012.**

**Motion made by John Gossage, seconded by Jason Beck to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **Board Planning and Membership.**

Judge Kelley stated that he had spoken with County Executive Troy Streckenbach and they have plans to sit down in the future to discuss the appointments and vacancies on the Board. He will continue to work through this and report back in the fall.

**Motion made by Pat Evans, seconded by Jeff Jazgar to receive and place on file. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **Response to Illegal Drug Activity in Brown County and Presentation by Prescription Drug Officer (Sheriff John Gossage).**

Sheriff Gossage introduced Dave Poteat and Guy Shepardson to the Board. Poteat and Shepardson will also be making a presentation to the County Board so they can determine whether the grant funded prescription drug officer position has been successful.

Poteat reported that prescription drugs such Adderall and other amphetamines are equally as dangerous and potent as methamphetamines. Poteat continued that problem drugs are generally broken up into three categories: stimulants, benzodiazepines and narcotics. He provided a graph, a copy of which is attached, showing a breakdown of pill seizure by type and category as well as other information from 2007 through 2011.

Gossage pointed out that as shown on the graph, there was a noticeable increase from 17 pills confiscated in 2008 to 1363 pills confiscated in 2009 and noted that 2009 was when the grant was applied for to fund the prescription drug investigator. The position was filled in April, 2010.

Poteat stated that often the seized pills are prescription drugs that they come across in the course of a regular investigation. They do not necessarily go out searching for prescription drugs the same way they would for things like marijuana, cocaine and heroin. With prescription drugs, they must show that the drugs are being used or sold illegally. Poteat estimated that approximately 100 arrests are made per year for prescription drug offenses. He continued that the problems with prescription drugs are very similar to the problems with heroin.

Guy Shepardson reported that the State had a controlled substances work group that put together a 32 point recommendation on how to address the statewide prescription drug problem. One of the big things for law enforcement is to partner with different agencies within the community to address and impact the prescription drug problem. Brown County is following some of these recommendations including reaching out to the Brown County Pharmacy Association by attending monthly meetings and sharing information and educating in various areas. They are also receiving valuable feedback from the pharmacies who are on the front lines as this is where the pills first enter the community. Shepardson continued that they have also partnered up with some of the crime prevention officers throughout the County and he is working on expanding the network to get the word out of the prescription drug problems. Another initiative that Shepardson recently started is a Brown County multijurisdictional pharmacy group where each law enforcement agency in the County is appointed a liaison from the group to meet with on a regular basis to discuss what problems are being experienced in their communities and how the problems can be addressed. Shepardson also reported that they are looking to put more intelligence into the Drug Task Force so they can start looking at some of the sources that are disbursing the pills from legitimate sources to sell them on the street. He is also working to introduce legislation to require some sort of identification to pick up a prescription.

Jeffrey Jazgar asked if pharmacies, as a private entity, could ask for identification from individuals picking up a drug. Shepardson stated that some pharmacies already do this, however, most pharmacies have corporate policies that drive everything locally. If they do not want to do this on the corporate level, then the local stores will not be doing it.

Motion made by Brian Shoup, seconded by John Gossage to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Schedule Meeting with Representative from Statewide Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. (District Attorney David Lasee).

DA David Lasee stated that he had recently had a meeting with Green Bay Police Chief Jim Arts who indicated that he was on the State Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and it is their job to monitor what these types of Boards are doing throughout the State. Arts mentioned that there was a representative from the Council who wanted to come and see what the Brown County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board was doing. Sheriff Gossage stated that Sheriff Joski from Kewaunee County is also on the State Council and he would be happy to contact Sheriff Joski to come to a meeting in the fall.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Jason Beck to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Sex Offender Ordinances. (Jed Neuman).

Jed Neuman wished to provide the Board with a history of what is currently taking place in Brown County with regard to sex offender ordinances. The first ordinance was in Hobart in 2007 and since then there have been 13 more ordinances enacted in Brown County. These ordinances range from things such as residency restrictions, neighborhood watch ordinances,

density ordinance as well as some hybrids. Several municipalities also have sex offender review boards where the offender appears and seeks approval to live in that community and discretion for approval or denial is left up to the Board.

Neuman continued that this is a systematic issue among the criminal justice system because there are offenders that are required to register and the natural fallout is that the compliance rate plummets. In Green Bay the number of those in violation of the State registration program has tripled. This not only impacts the Department of Corrections, but also law enforcement who has to locate the offenders, the DA's office which has to file charges, the Courts as hearings need to be held and finally the jail when sentence is imposed.

Neuman continued that his department goes to great lengths to use evidence based practices and the two most important factors as far as ensuring a foundation for a person and reducing recidivism are a pro-social group of people involved in an offender's life as well as residence. These ordinances have a tendency of jostling that residence which under normal circumstances would have given the offender part of the necessary foundation. Neuman's department continues to work with everyone in the community as far as partnerships go, but he would rather see the ordinances eliminated.

Evans felt that most of these ordinances were politically driven. He also stated that the facility on Shawano Avenue that houses offenders is in his district and it is a well-run, well-monitored facility. Neuman said that some states have provisions that offenders can be released to monitored facilities without having to be in approval and he felt that the facility on Shawano Avenue is good as it gives an offender a start to get back on track.

Judge Kelley stated that he appreciated Neuman's presentation and asked what he wished be proposed by this Board. Evans replied that he would like to see this as an ongoing agenda item realizing that there may be times where there is nothing to report, but he felt that keeping it on the agenda would allow for monitoring of this issue. Evans did not think there was anything the Board of Supervisors was looking for at this time, partially because it is more of a municipality issue than a County issue.

Heidi Michels stated that she works with the transitional living program as well as the higher risk sex offenders and is also on the Sex Offender Board with the City of Green Bay. She stated she felt the biggest problem is education and that the public needs to be better educated with regard to sex offenders.

Judge Kelley stated that he will keep the sex offender ordinances as an agenda item and Neuman can report on it as new information becomes available.

Motion made by Pat Evans, seconded by Jason Beck to include sex offender ordinances on the next meeting agenda. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. County Funded Assistant District Attorney. (District Attorney David Lasee).

DA Lasee stated that he did not have anything new to report on this matter as it was addressed briefly at the last meeting in conjunction with concerns regarding the DTF position. It is his hope that the County Board takes somewhat of a coordinated response as to how drug issues are being dealt with so that if additional DTF investigators are added, funding also be provided for an assistant district attorney position to make prosecutions. Lasee stated that the DTF referral numbers are up and there needs to be prosecutors in the DA's office to handle those increased numbers. He also noted that the referrals are becoming more and more complex and therefore require additional time to prosecute. Lasee concluded by stating that his office is very

appreciative of the funding provided by the Board and also that he felt there was a significant need for the positions.

Motion by Brian Shoup, seconded by John Gossage to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **Jail Population Update.**

Judge Kelley stated that Items 9, 10 and 11 are ongoing items and time was running short in this meeting. These matters will be held until a later meeting.

10. **Reducing Jail Population.**

See Item 9 above.

11. **Specialty Courts (Drug Court, Veterans Treatment Court and future Courts).**

See Item 9 above.

Motion made by Brian Shoup, seconded by Jason Beck to hold Items 9, 10 and 11 until the next meeting. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **Recess of Summer Meetings.**

A discussion was held with regard to recess of meetings over the summer months and it was decided that the next meeting will be held on September 25, 2012.

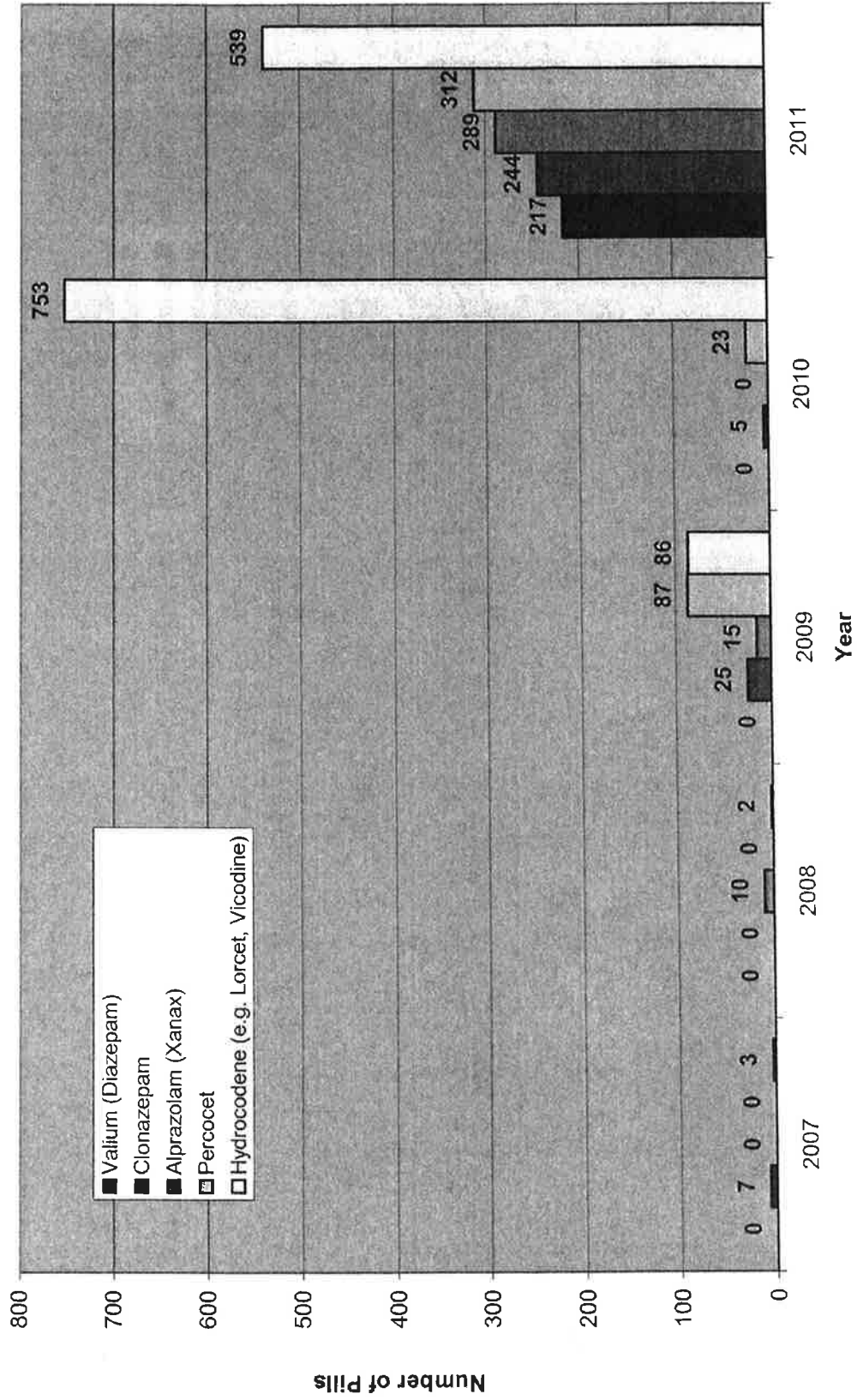
13. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Pat Evans, seconded by Tim Mc Nulty to adjourn at 4:36 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

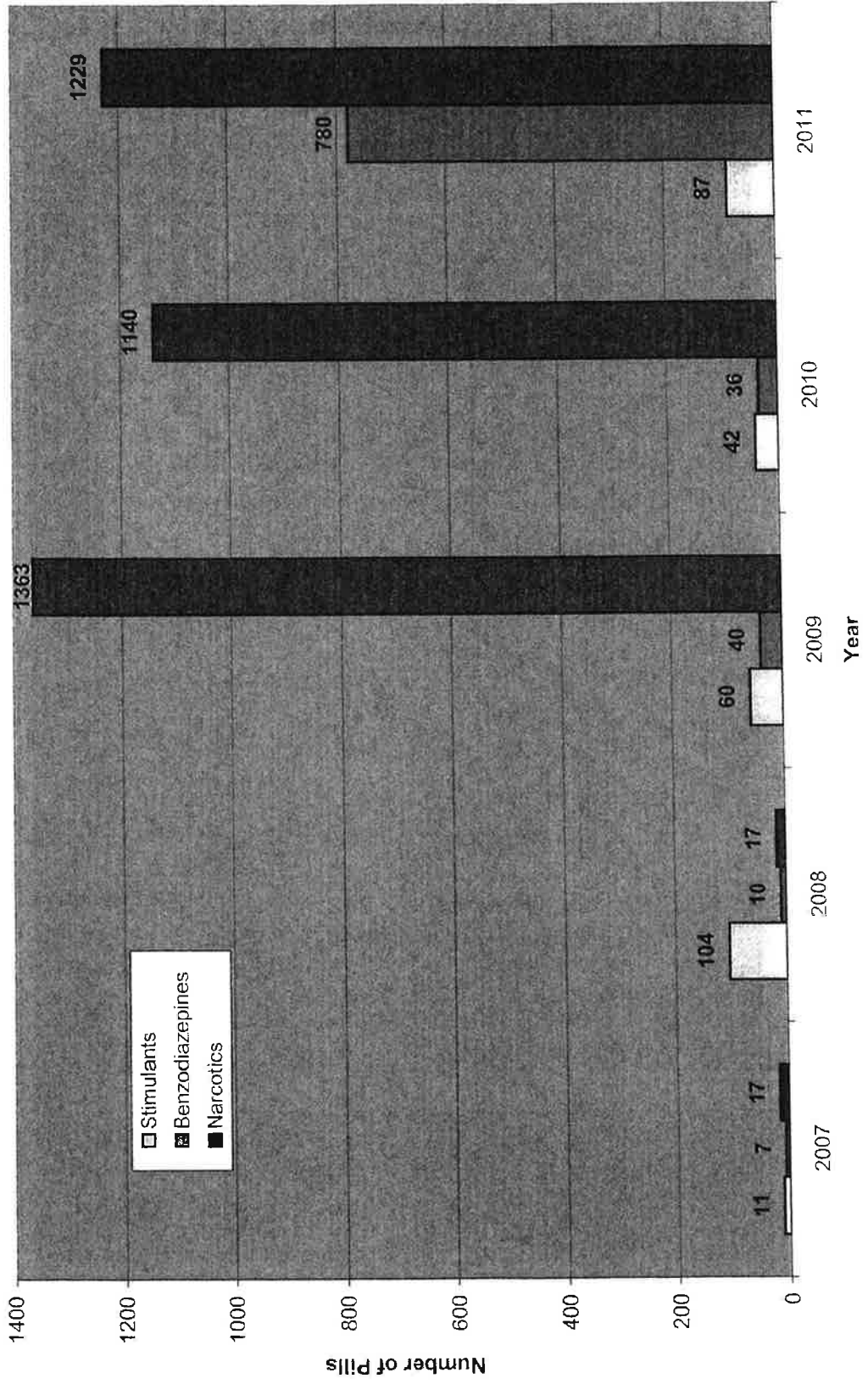
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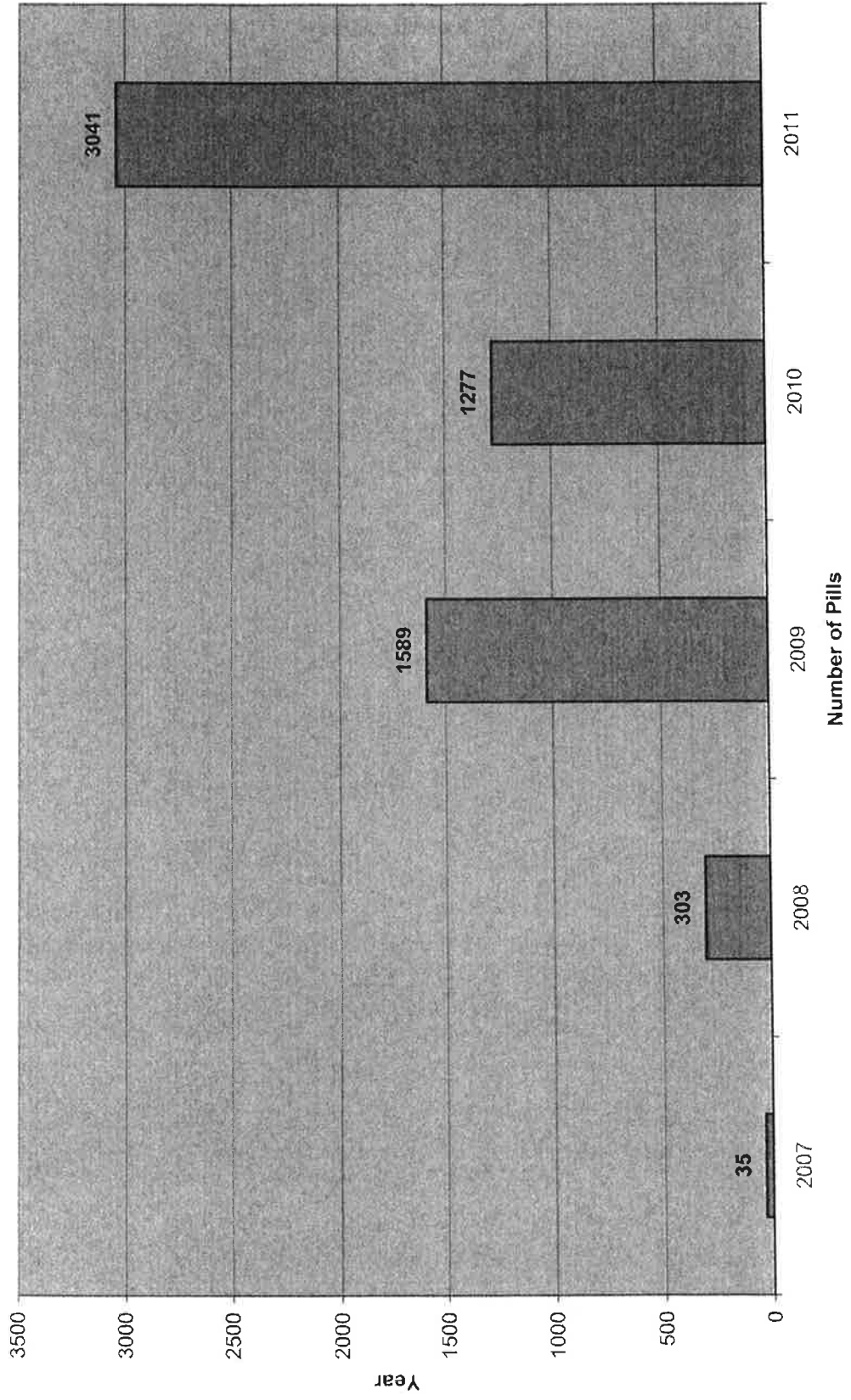
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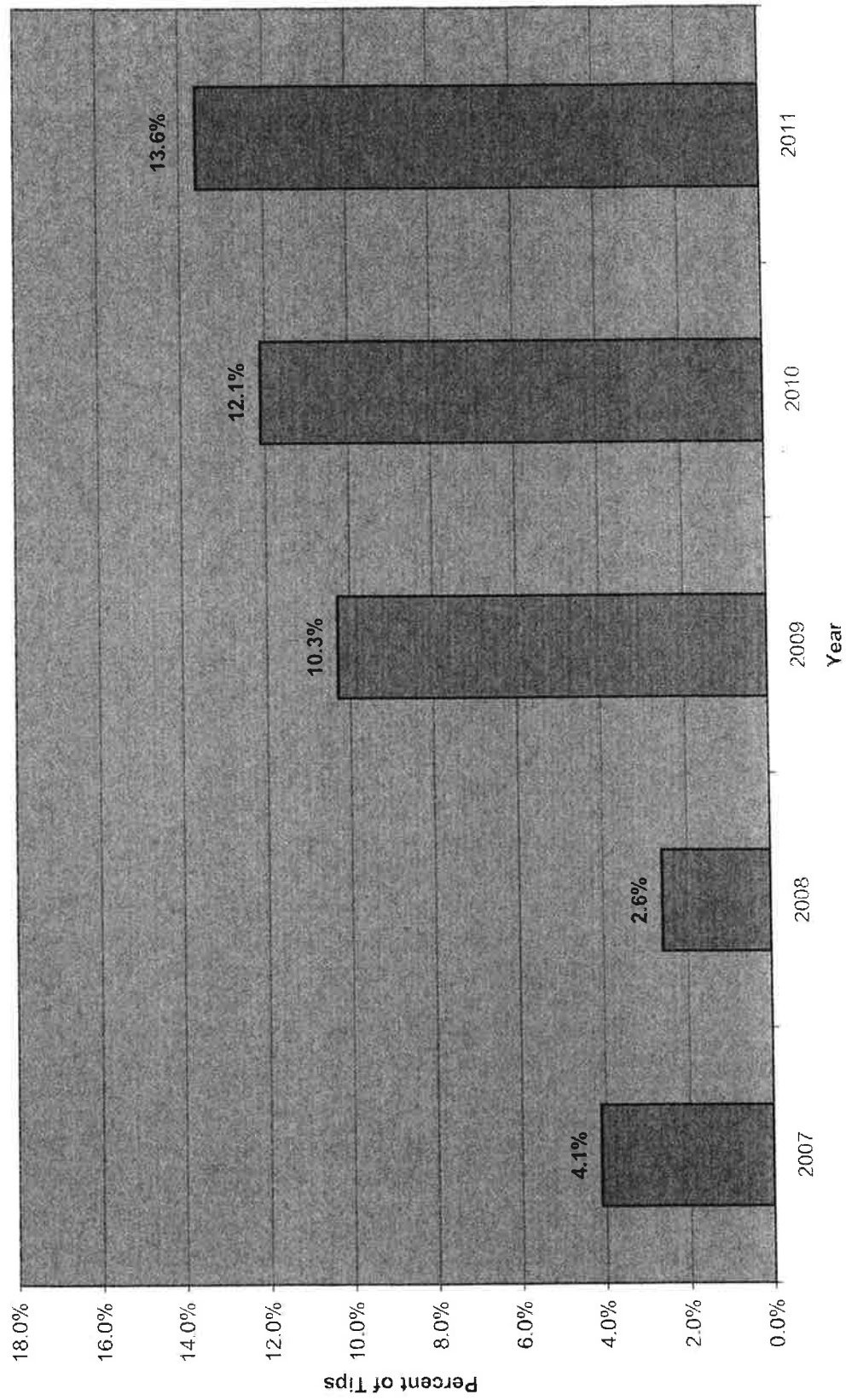
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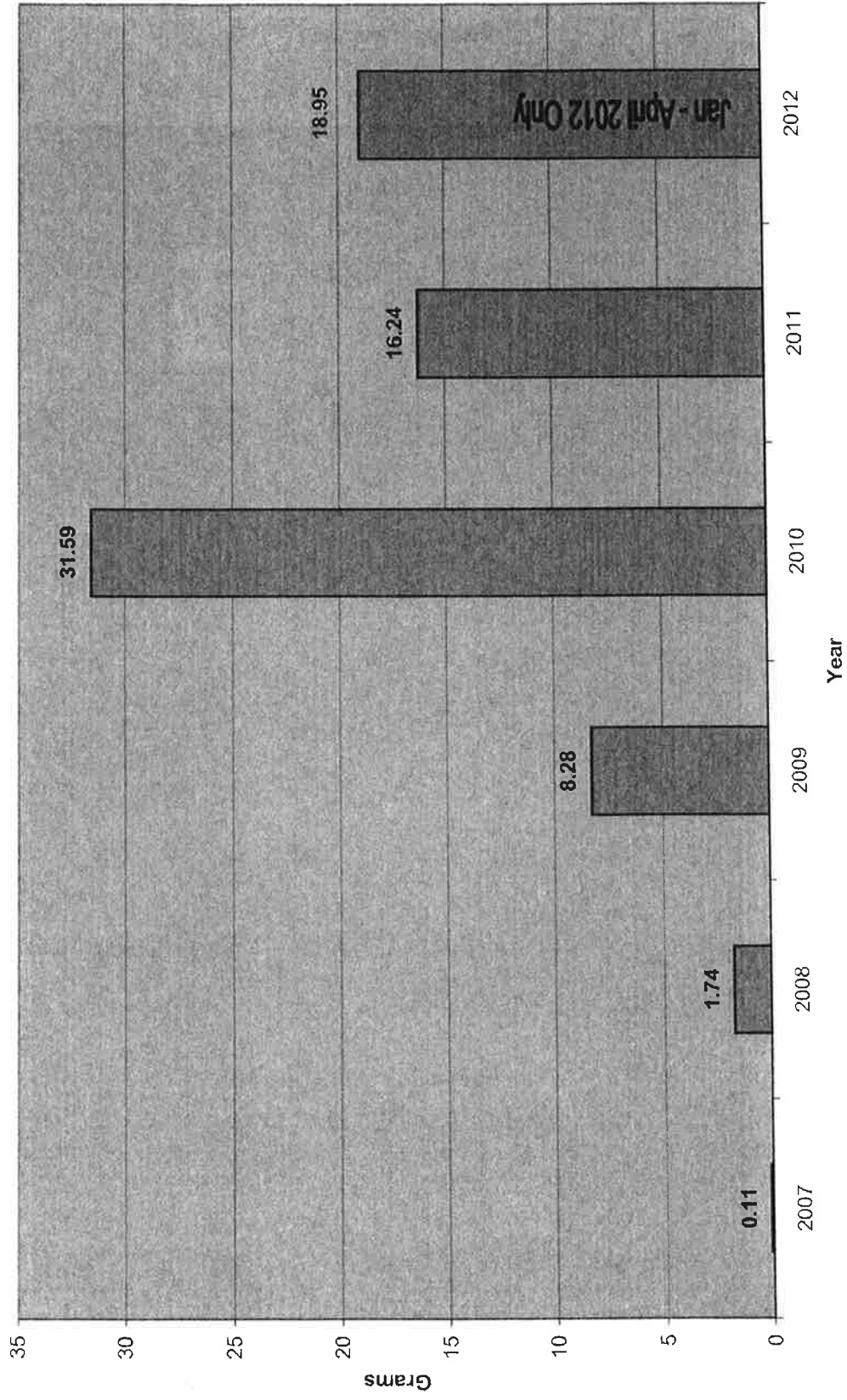
Total Pills Seized



Percent of Prescription Related Drug Tips



Heroin Seized



Percent of Increase Since 2007

