

# Massachusetts Drug Checking Data Stream

## STREET NARCOTICS UPDATE



### The illicit drug supply is constantly in flux.

In recent weeks, three (3) samples of recovered narcotics sold as crack cocaine were analyzed to be 100% bupropion (brand name **Wellbutrin**). They were packaged as white and brown rock to resemble crack cocaine.



### Wellbutrin facts

Bupropion is an FDA-approved medication. It is used to treat depression and for smoking cessation. It is one of the most widely prescribed medications in the nation.

### Community hazard

When consumed by users expecting crack cocaine, it can cause **serious reactions**, including seizures, heart problems, and cardiac arrest.

### Patrol advisory

If you encounter someone with these reactions, you may be witnessing someone overdosing on Wellbutrin. Summon medical attention immediately.

### Officer safety

You may see disputes in your communities over drug supplies where buyers expect crack and receive Wellbutrin instead.

**NOTE:** This tainted drug supply **does not** present an occupational hazard for police, but does pose substantial risk for users.

