



MEDIA AVAILABILITY: New research reveals scope of Houston's PCP problem

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Dr. Peter Stout, the Houston Forensic Science Center's CEO and president, Sgt. Donald Egdorf, from the Houston Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Division, Dr. David Persse, the health authority for the Houston Health Department, John McNamee, executive director of Mothers Against Drunk Driving Southeast Texas, and Dr. Dayong Lee, manager of HFSC's toxicology section, will present research to be released Wednesday regarding the size and scope of PCP (angel dust) use in Houston and found in impaired drivers. Dr. Lee and Dr. Stout conducted the research and the findings will be published Wednesday in the Journal of Analytical Toxicology.

WHEN: 11 a.m., February 12, 2020

WHERE: 500 Jefferson St.

Houston, Texas 77002

Following the news conference, interested media will be able to tour HFSC's toxicology section located in 500 Jefferson St.

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