

## “Thizz” Available in Las Vegas

A drug previously seen in rave scenes across the country has surfaced in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Since early April 2009 local law enforcement has encountered a drug referred to as “**Thizz**”. Thizz, a pill primarily containing MDMA (Ecstasy, XTC) but with the potential for multiple drug types, is typically sold in colored tablets with a printed logo. This makes Thizz particularly dangerous to children, as the drug resembles children’s vitamins.

Reporting reflects that Thizz can be cut with whatever the drug’s supplier has available to include: MDMA, Heroin, Speed or Methamphetamine. Additionally, the pills encountered by local law enforcement are believed to be made in the Las Vegas area.

Thizz sells for approximately \$10.00 each and produces a mellow 8 hour high. Thizz is marketed to minors and is available in various caricatures to include: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Snoopy, Homer Simpson, and President Obama (as shown in Figure 1). Tablets have also been observed in the form of Transformers, Power Rangers and Poke Balls.

Open source reporting further identifies “Thizz’n” as the new term that replaced “Roll” or “Rollin”, a street term referred to when someone is under the influence of ecstasy.<sup>i</sup> MDMA (3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine, known as ecstasy) is a synthetic drug that causes both hallucinogenic and stimulant effects. MDMA, taken orally, is a Schedule I substance under the Controlled Substances Act.<sup>ii</sup>

**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**



i Urban Dictionary, <http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=thizz>, 05/05/2009.

ii National Drug Intelligence Center, MDMA Fast Facts, <http://www.usdoj.gov/ndic/pubs3/3494/#What>, 05/05/2009.