

Children in Meth Labs

Home Visitor Safety



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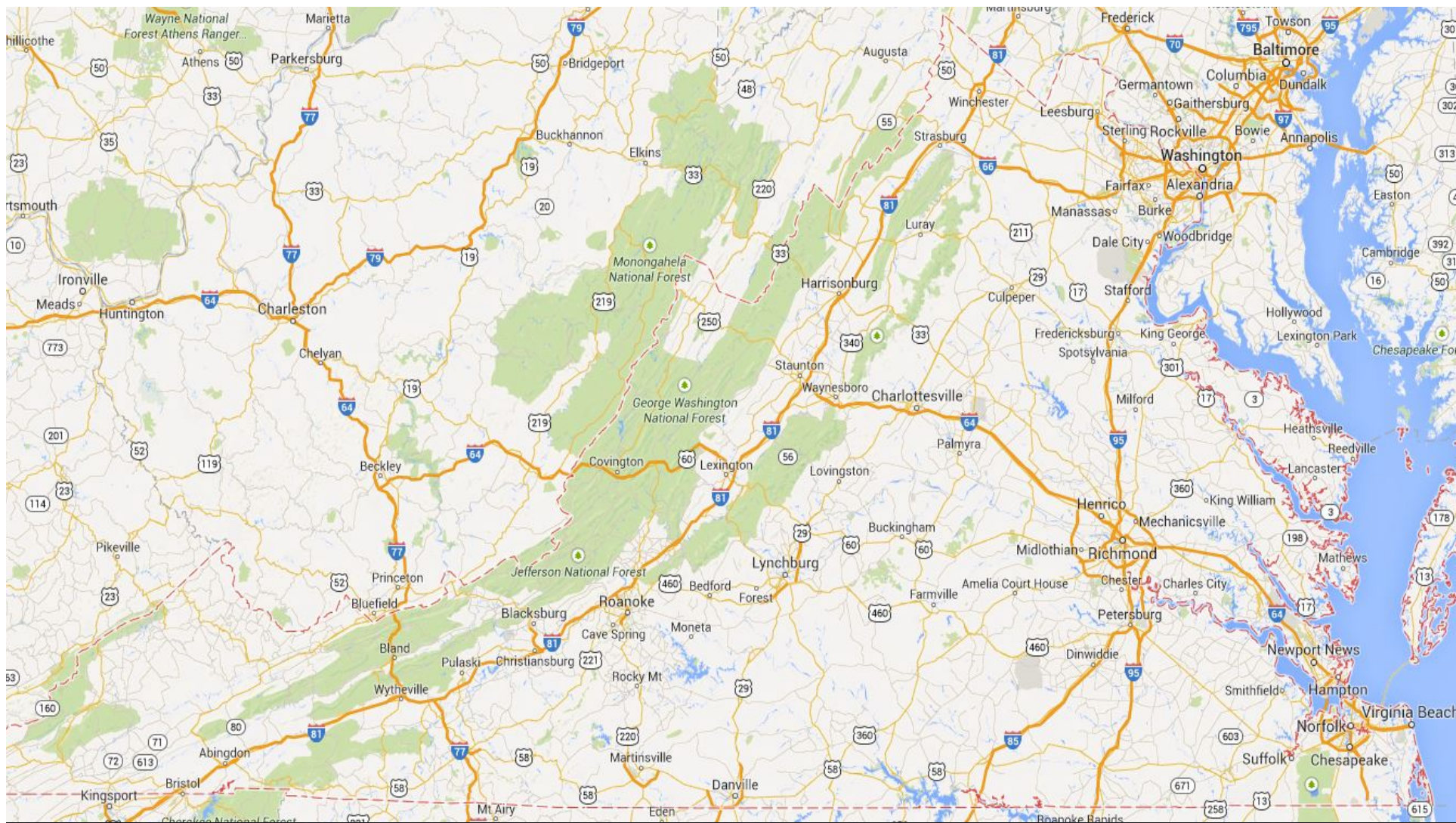
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Background







What did I sign up for?

- Attempt to redefine our thinking about what constitutes a meth lab
- Learn how bad the meth problem is in Virginia
- Answer the all important questions of:
 - Why should I care?
 - Why are meth labs are dangerous?
 - What can I do to ensure my safety?
 - What can I do to help the police?
 - How long will this presentation last?







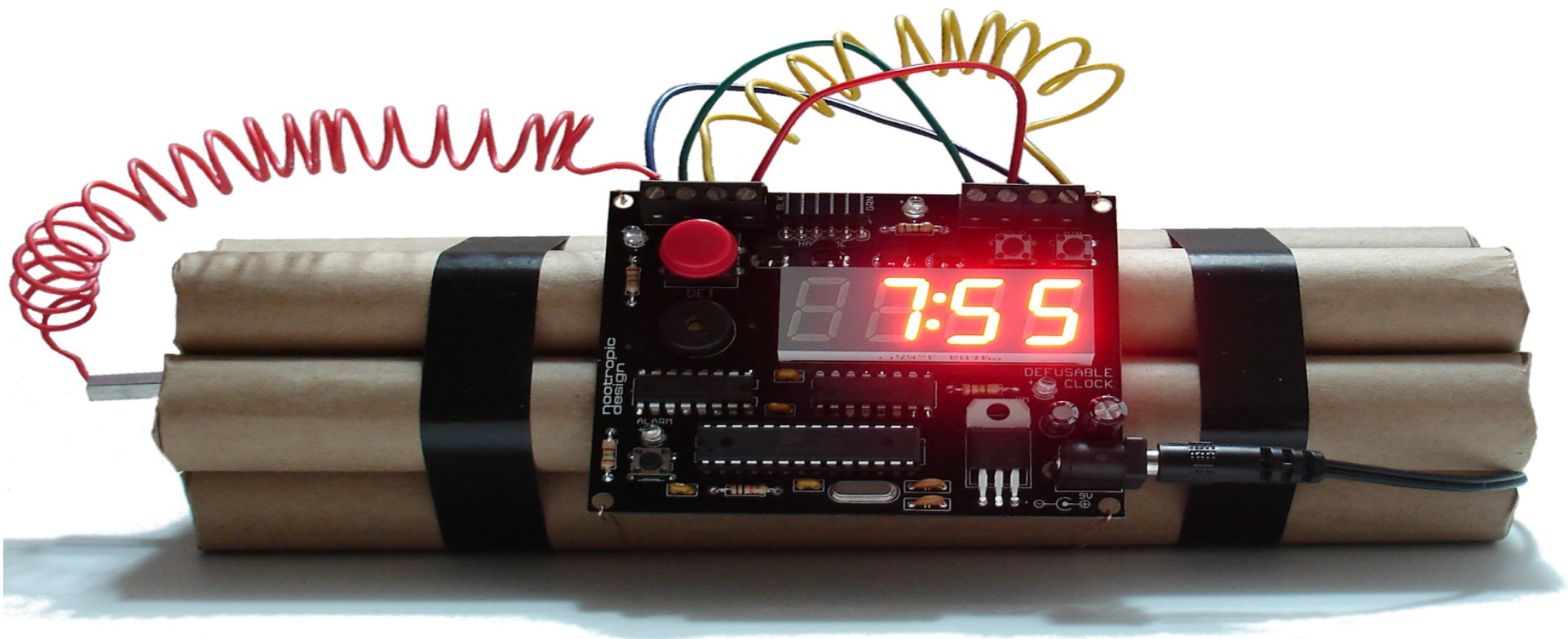
















Which one is Milton?



A



C



B



D



What happened to Milton?

Drug charges net 30-year prison term

Oct 19, 2012 (Wytheville Enterprise - McClatchy-Tribune Information Services via COMTEX) -- A Wytheville man will serve 30 years of a 95-year sentence stemming from drug convictions.

Milton E. Fuqua, 41, was sentenced Wednesday in Wythe County Circuit Court.

Fuqua pleaded guilty on Aug. 1 to four felonies relating to the production of methamphetamines in May 2011. On Oct. 1, he pleaded guilty to one count of manufacturing methamphetamine from an Aug. 2 charge.

At Wednesday's sentencing, Fuqua received a 20-year prison term for manufacturing methamphetamine with a child present, 40 years for manufacturing methamphetamine, 10 years for possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute and five years for possessing of items used to make methamphetamine.

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charged with murder in th
inhaling methamphetamin

Akron detectives charge
boyfriend's brother, Ron

Her boyfriend, Randy Le
with manslaughter.

All four were previously
the house they shared

Authorities bel

Gwinnett County police Cpl. Jake Smith said Friday th
Gonzalez and have charged him with murder in the ch
also been charged with trafficking methamphetamine.

Investigators found nearly \$200,000 and several pounds of liquid and finished
methamphetamine.

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Two arrested following explosion in Damascus

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Investigators are on the scene of a meth lab explosion in Damascus, Va., on Sunday.

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DAMASCUS, Va. — Authorities have not ruled out
additional arrests and charges after Sunday's
explosion of an alleged meth lab, which has already
led to the arrest of two suspects, Damascus Police
Chief Bill Nunley said Monday.

"The investigation is still continuing, but there is a
possibility of additional charges and arrests in the near
future," Nunley said regarding Sunday night's fiery
explosion at a Creepers Way house — which also
revealed an apparent operating "one-pot" meth lab
inside the home.

Nunley offered no further specifics on prospective
arrests or charges.

Thomas L. Anderson, 35, of Damascus and Shannon
O. Miller, 37, of Abingdon, Va., were arrested shortly
after Sunday's explosion — while a 15-year-old girl, also in the home, escaped injury.

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Thomas Anderson



Shannon Miller

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Gets 12 years in deadly lab

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been ordered to serve 12 years of a 14-
r his role in a December fatal meth lab

ors charged Joshua B. Angus, 25, in March
attempt to manufacture
re to appear and false informing.

de T. Burns and Alecia Stine were making
Miami Village Mobile Home Park, east of
ottle Stine was using exploded.

struck her in the throat, neck and arm.
the mobile home, leaving Stine behind
eding and suffering from chemical burns,
ster died.

eaded guilty to reckless homicide and
meth.

t Judge James Heuer sentenced Angus
e meth charge — suspending two years —
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What is a meth lab?



Mad scientist or evil genius?



PSE easily converts to meth



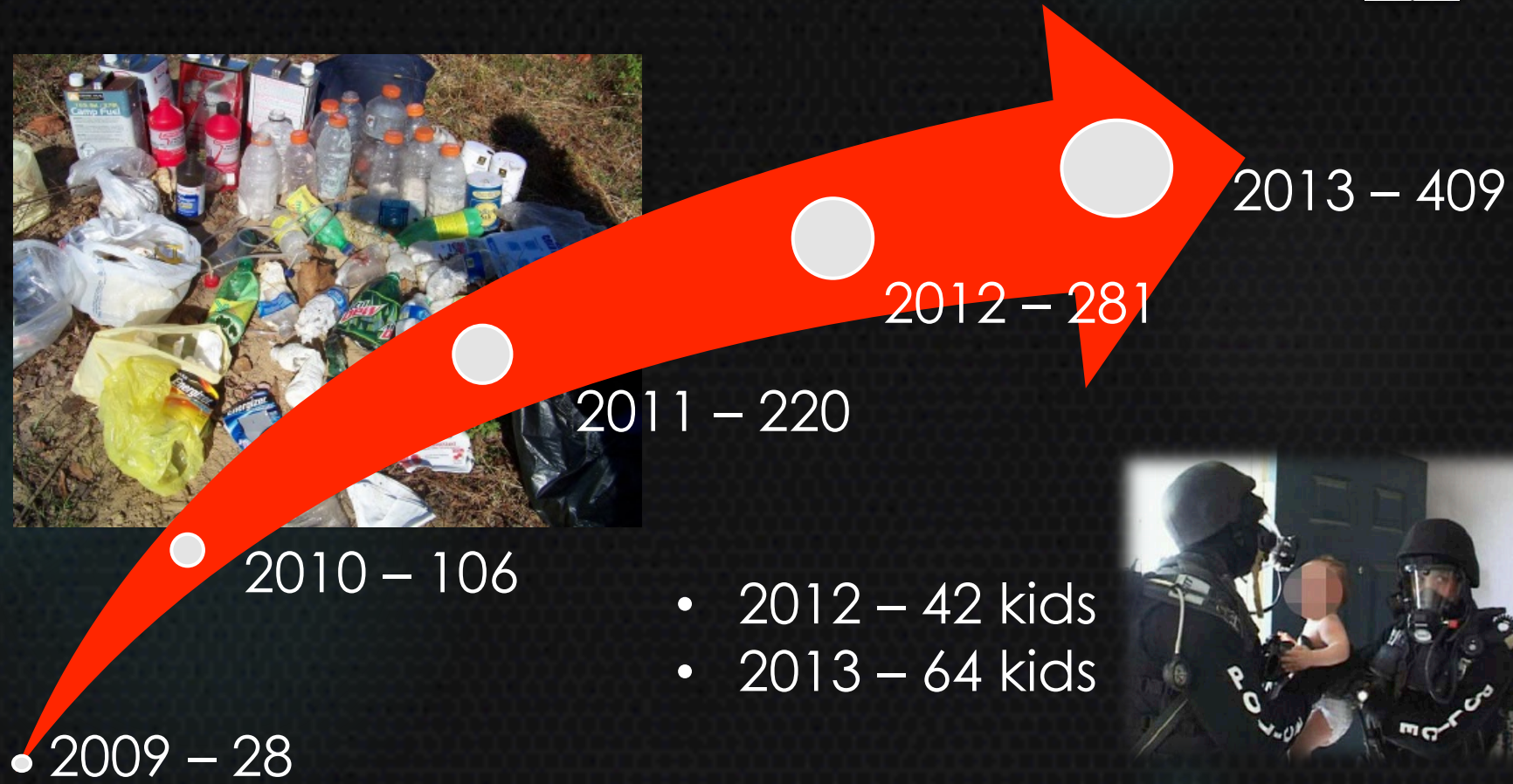
One pot meth labs in Virginia



- First one pot lab was seized in the Fall of 2009 in Wythe County
 - Main cook was from Indiana
- Prior to 2009 most labs in Virginia consisted of Red P labs



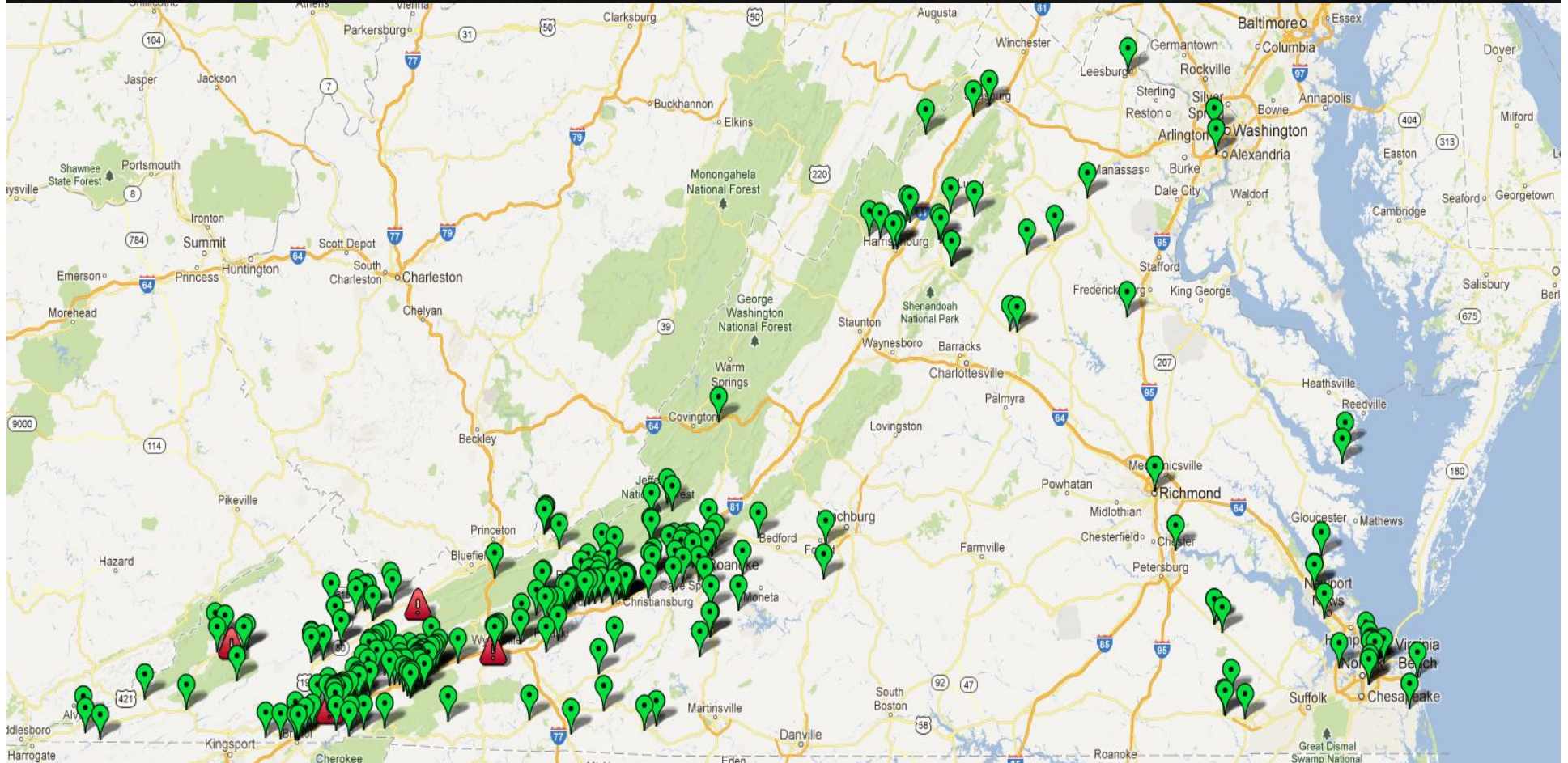
Meth Lab Incidents



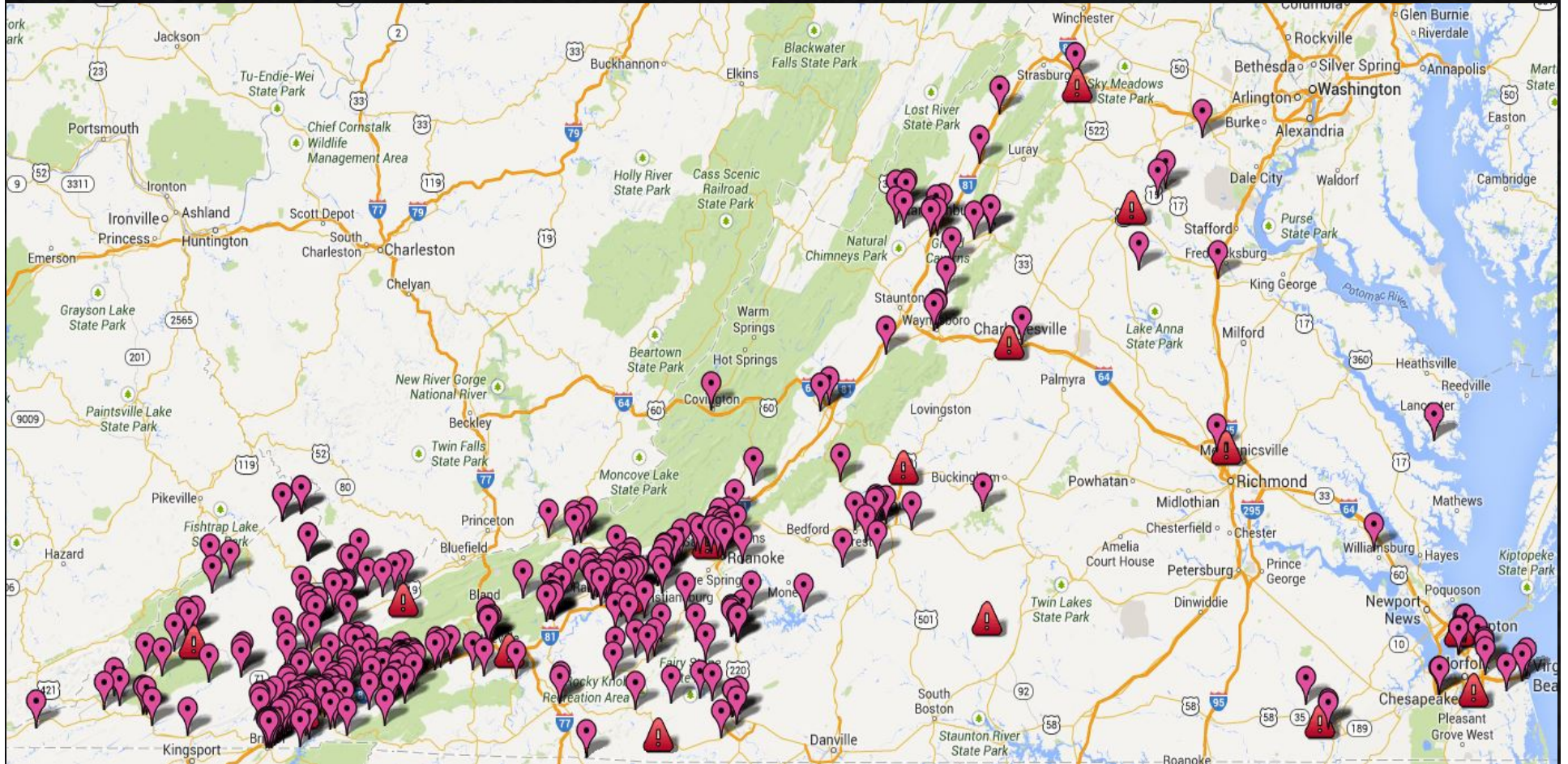
- 2012 – 42 kids
- 2013 – 64 kids



Meth Lab Incidents – 2012



Meth Lab Incidents – 2013



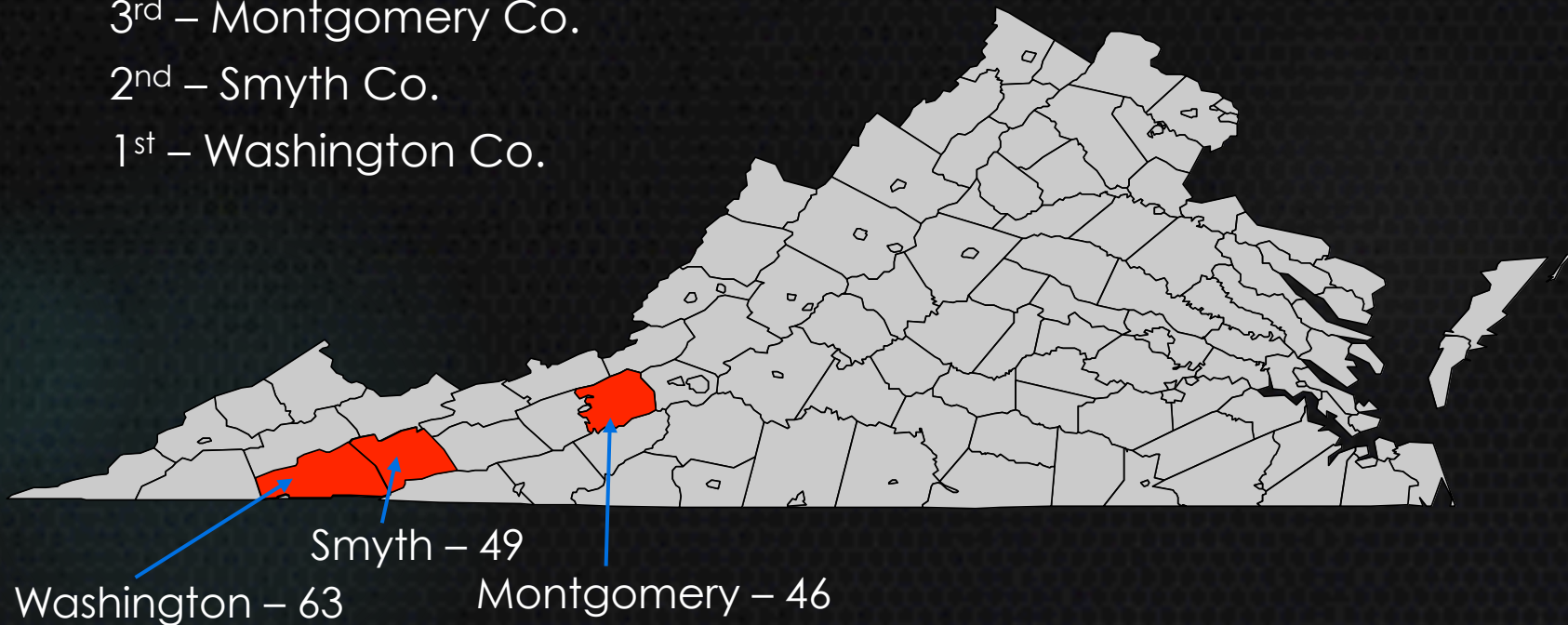
Who has the most meth labs in VA?



3rd – Montgomery Co.

2nd – Smyth Co.

1st – Washington Co.

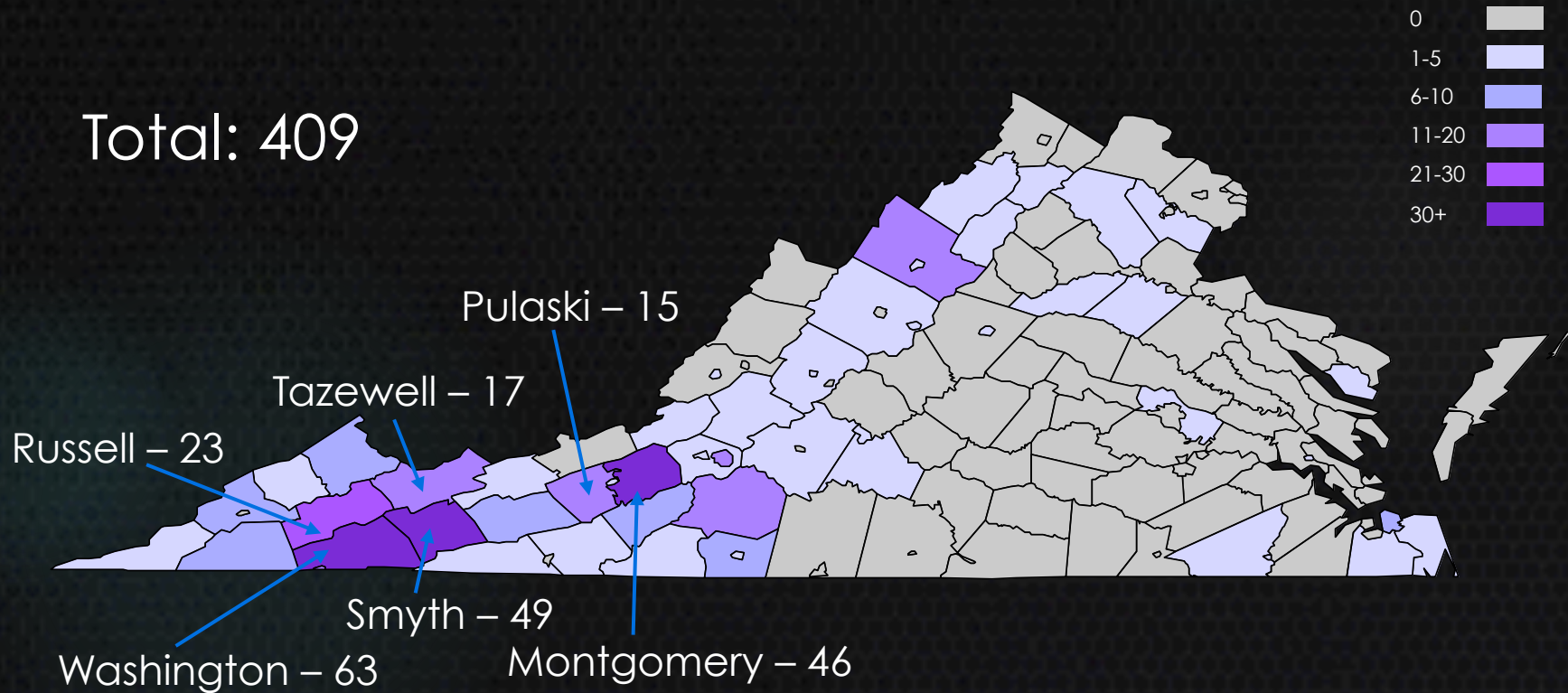


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2013 Meth Lab Seizures in Virginia

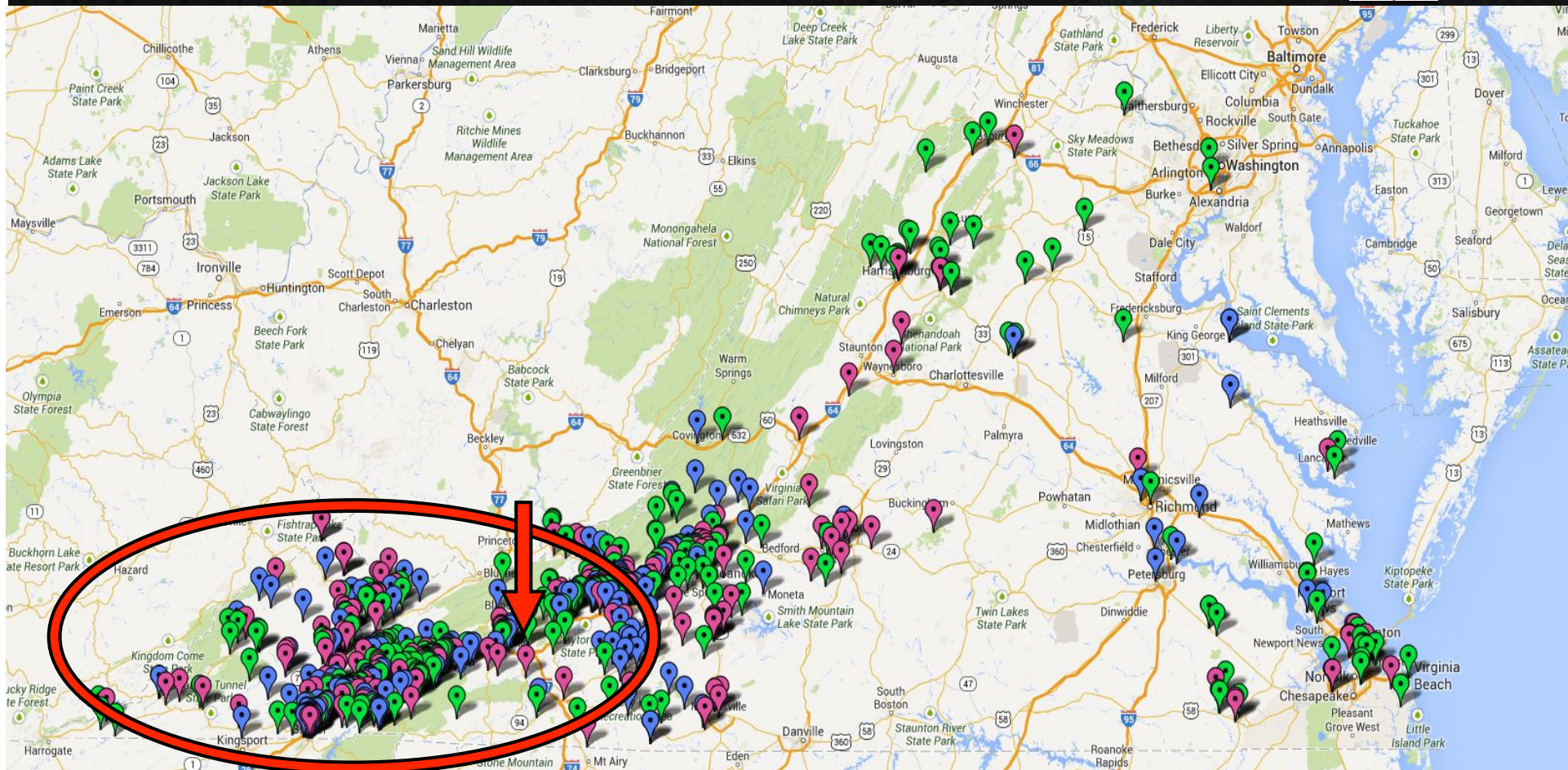


Total: 409



*Data are preliminary

Meth Lab Incidents 2011-2013





How do I stay safe in a meth lab?

- Don't go into a meth lab
- Situational awareness
- Recognition of precursors, ingredients, and paraphernalia

Situational Awareness



Are you an optimist or a pessimist?

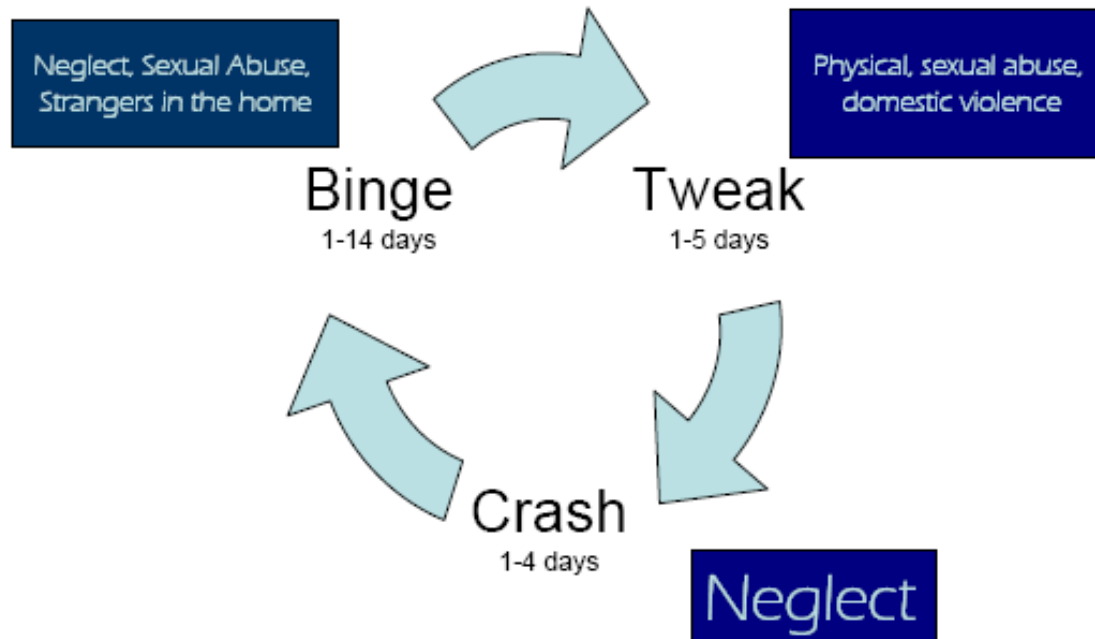
Wish someone was romantic enough to do this for me, just once.
i thought those were bloodstains
there are two kinds of people

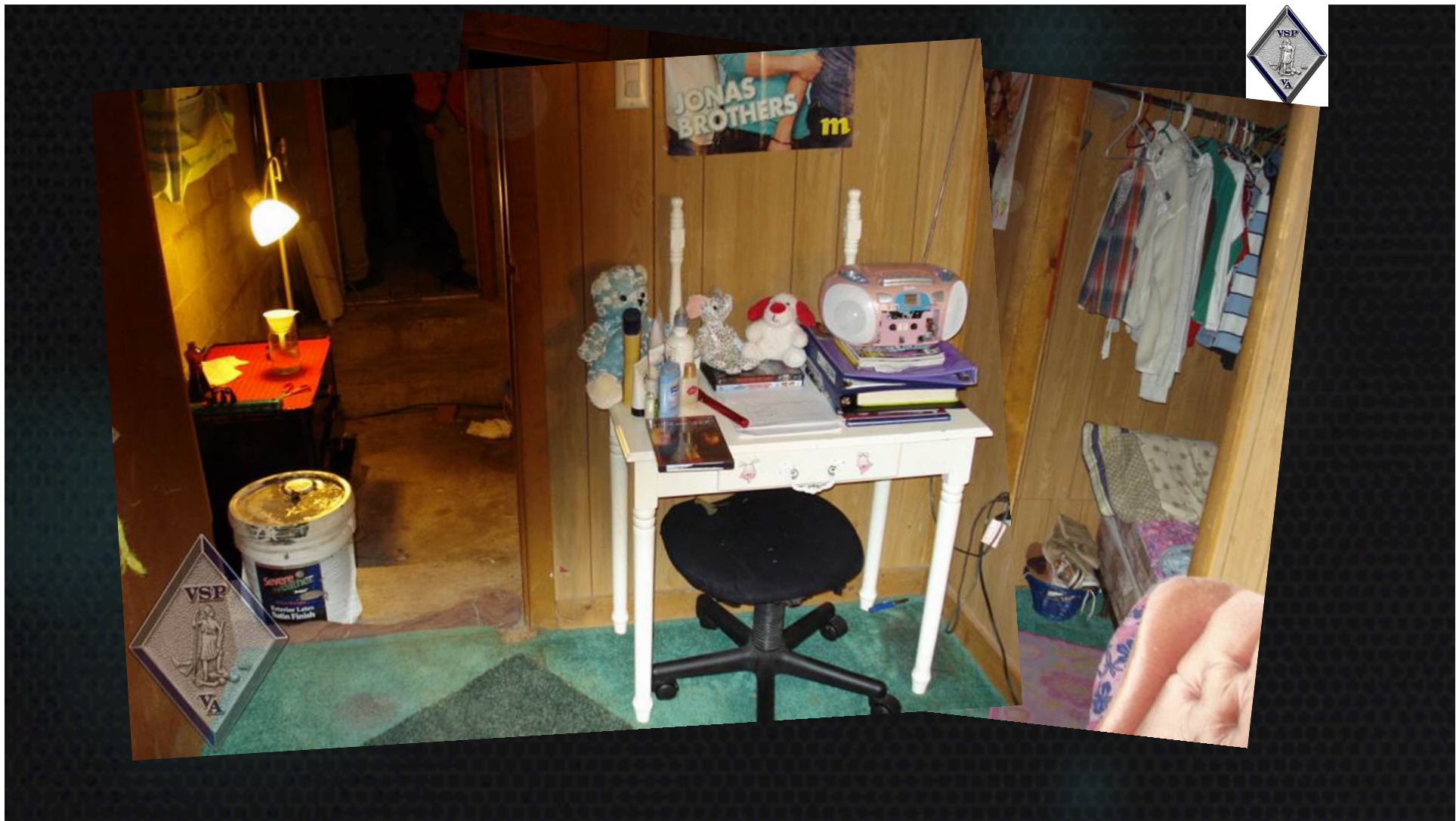
Need to operate with both mindsets when it comes to your safety

Why do we care?



The Methamphetamine Use Cycle & Associated Risks to Children





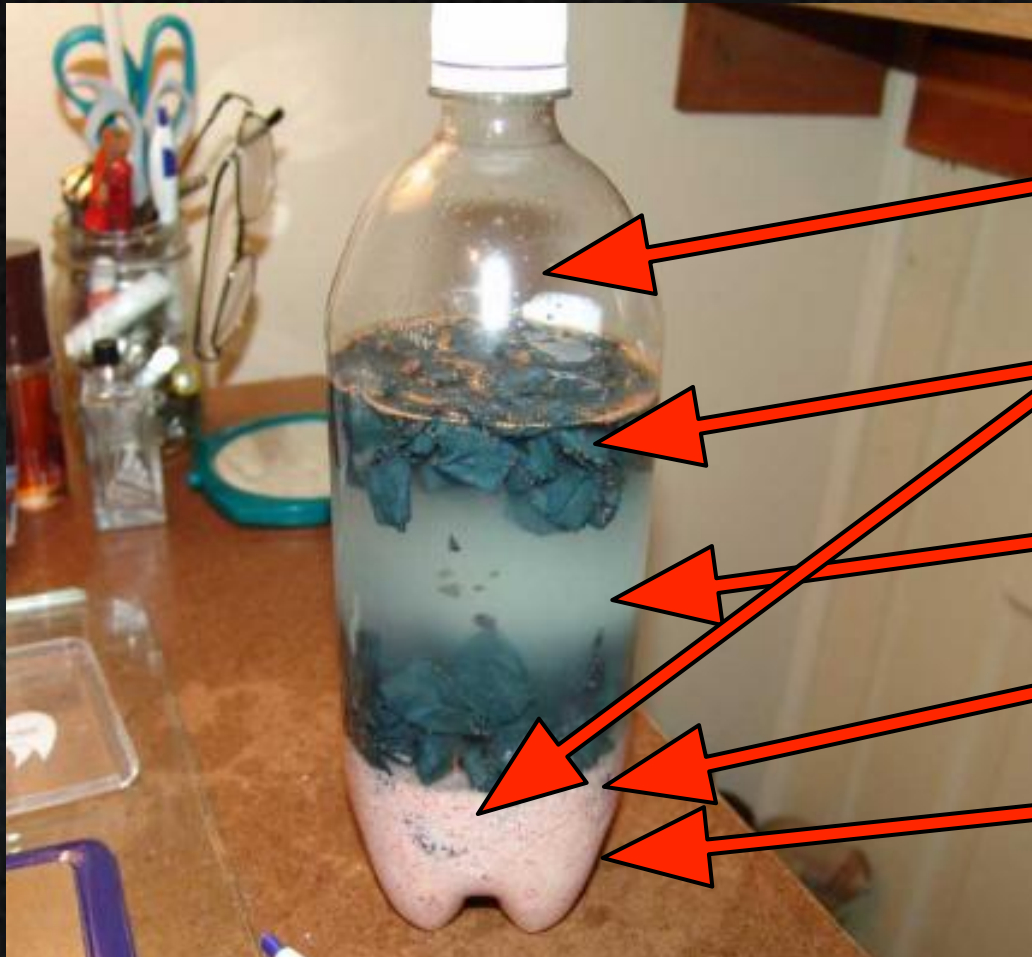




What can I do?

- Awareness is the key to ensure your safety.
 - Look for items utilized to manufacture meth
- Don't be fooled by stereotypes
- Look for signs of abnormal behavior
 - Excessive amounts of precursors/ingredients
 - Combinations of ingredients stored together
 - Precursors stored in odd locations
 - Improper use of essential ingredients

What's in a one Pot Lab?



HCL Gas generator



HCL Gas Generator





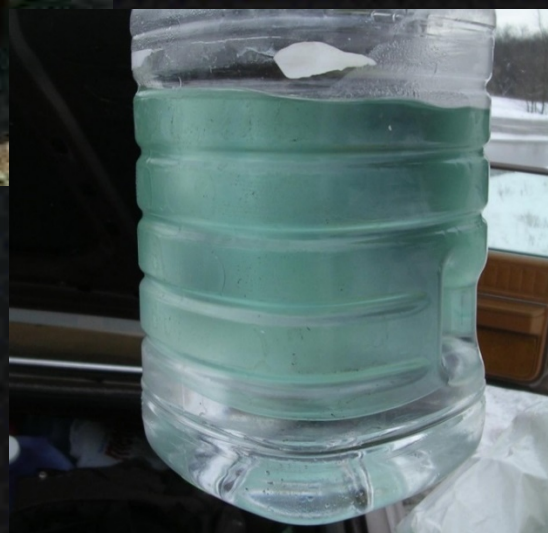
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Why is it dangerous?



Pick your poison





Multiple
precursors stored
together

- Are they
consistent with
home?



Are items stored
consistent with
their use?

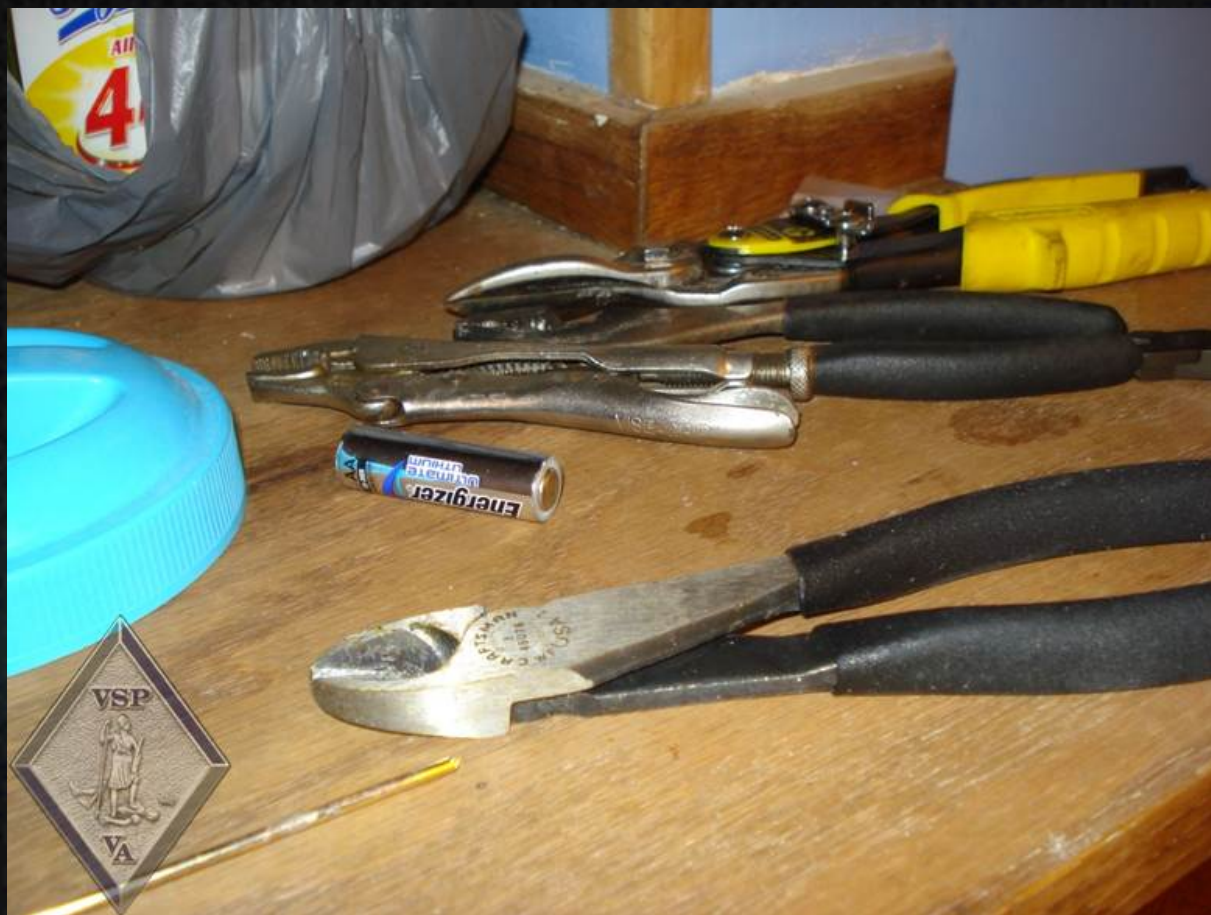
► Properly used?



What are the red flags?



Consistent with
intended use?



Found on dresser in
bedroom





Consistent with
home?

Found in home
during winter.



Essential items
stored in odd
locations





you don't even realize how
unhappy I am. Everyday is the same
shit. Same routine. It's just
getting really old. I hate the
way things are now. I used
to be so happy. But now, I'm
not. Not at all. And nobody even
knows it.





Safety for Home Visitors

- Always let someone know where you are going
- Know history of subject, violence or substance abuse?
- Keep your cell phone with you
- Identify location of exits and sit accordingly



Safety for Home Visitors

- Know who else is in the home
- Assume every home has a weapon
- Leave if you feel threatened
- Trust your instincts
- Recognize hazards

Thank you for listening.



Questions?



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