

GETTING IT POPPIN' CAN GET YOU POPPED!

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On September 2, 2010 Rapper T.I., government name Clifford Harris and his wife Tameka "Tiny" Cottle were arrested for possession of a controlled substance after being pulled over for a traffic violation in Los Angeles, California. It was alleged that the couple was in possession of marijuana, ecstasy and syrup at the time of their arrest. All three drugs are known as party drugs and have become the newest trend in the hip hop community used recreationally and to enhance and prolong sexual activity.

Due to this arrest, a federal judge revoked T.I.'s probation from his 2009 federal gun possession conviction in which he served about 7 months in federal prison. Although the drug possession charges stemming from his arrest in Los Angeles were eventually dropped, T.I. was still sentenced to 11 months in federal prison because the arrest was a violation of his probation.

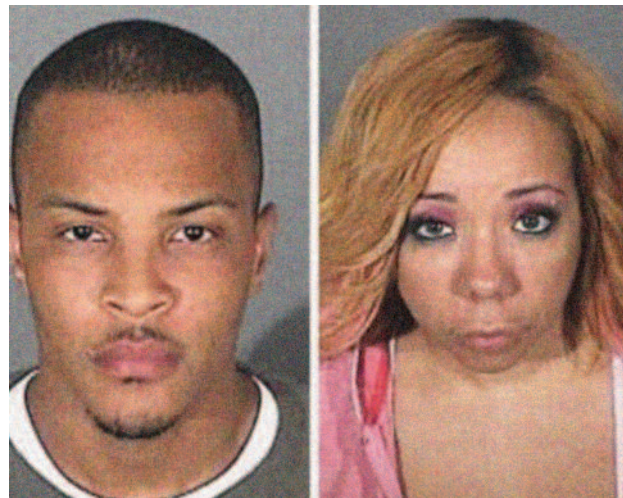
Simple possession charges...meaning you are in possession of only enough of an illegal substance for personal use tend to be lenient in the sense that jail time may be only up to a year with fines and penalties.

If you have never been convicted of similar charges before a judge will likely suspend your sentence for a term of probation. However, if you violate the terms of probation your sentence will be immediately activated. Like T.I. a judge may automatically revoke your probation and sentence you to whatever time you have left on the prior sentence that you were on probation for. Be clear, T.I. went to jail for violating his probation not for possessing the actual drugs. It seems Tiny may have played her part as his ride or die chick and took that charge...Guess some of ya'll can stop questioning why he married her. They are obviously having selacious sex and she holds him down. Tiny faces up to one (1) year in jail.


When using illicit drugs the good time may be phenomenal and the sex great but is the risk really worth it. While if you're a first time offender the charges may be lenient in some places, if you're a mother or the bread winner of the family can you really afford to be in jail for up to a year and can you handle the potential financial costs.

Typical fines for possession can range from \$1000 or more depending on your criminal history and the state you are in. In addition to the fines you have to count attorney fees.

Legal Representation fees varies from state to state and case to case. If the Accused is charged with a state offense the fee would seemingly be lower than the accused charged with



a Federal Offense. If the accused is a habitual offender the fee may be increased due to the fact that they may be charged with an enhanced offense, probation and or parole violation. In

larger metropolitan cities fees can range from \$10,000.00 to \$75,000.00 and that is not including the trial fee if necessary. Trial fees could range from a per day court fee of as little as \$1,500.00 per day to \$5,000.00 per day. These type cases can be serious. 

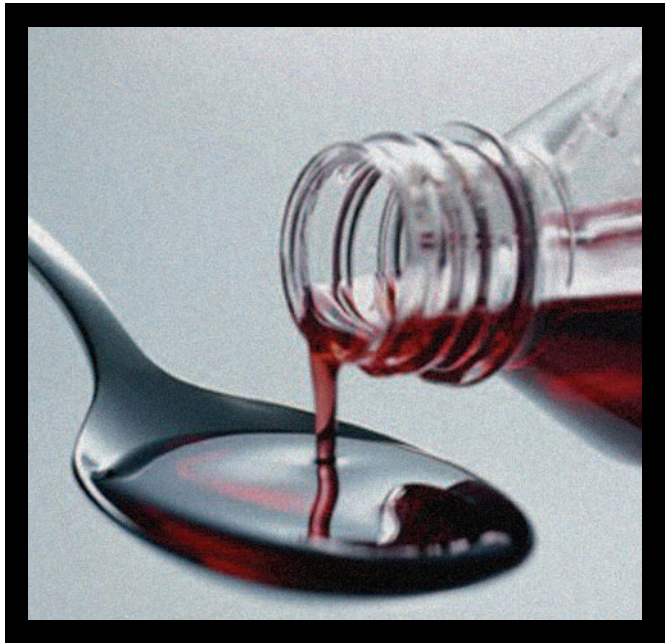
DRUG POSSESSION

A person has possession of drugs if he/she has actual physical control of the drugs (he has the drugs in his hands) if the drugs are on his person and he is aware of their presence. A person also has possession of drugs if he has the power and intent to control their disposition and use.

Difference between Simple Possession and Intent to Sell

The distinction usually rests on a judgement call by the cop making the arrest. The law allows for the "opinion" of an expert in this area and that is usually how the crime is proven. The Courts will look at various factors or "indicia" of sales in determining whether the charge can be proven. For example, how the substance is packaged, pay and owe sheets, large amounts of currency, scales, etc.


If you must use illicit drugs you may want to think twice about carrying more on you then you can reasonably use in one day




MDMA

STREET NAMES: Ecstasy, Adam, E, Roll, X, XTC, Skittles
 MDMA or Ecstasy (3-4-methylenedioxymethampheta-mine), is a synthetic drug with amphetamine-like and hallucinogenic properties. It is classified as a stimulant.


Ecstasy comes in a tablet form that is often branded, e.g. Playboy Bunnies, Nike Swoosh, CK.

Ecstasy produces intensely pleasurable effects – including an enhanced sense of self-confidence and energy. Effects include feelings of peacefulness, acceptance and empathy. Users say they experience feelings of closeness with others and a desire to touch others.
RISKS: Ecstasy use can lead to severe dehydration and hyperthermia or dramatic increases in body temperature. This can lead to muscle breakdown and kidney, liver and cardiovascular failure. Cardiovascular failure has been reported in some of the Ecstasy-related fatalities. After-effects can include sleep problems, anxiety and depression. Repeated use of Ecstasy ultimately may damage the cells that produce serotonin, which has an important role in the regulation of mood, appetite, pain, learning and memory. There already is research suggesting Ecstasy use can disrupt or interfere with memory. 

VIAGRA AND ECSTASY

STREET NAME: Sexstasy!
 Viagra and ecstasy? The mix must be phenomenal right? Ecstasy, a club drug, has long been used to enhance sexual experiences. It was only natural that eventually club goers were going to attempt to mix a patented sex enhancer like Viagra with the off the market ecstasy. The result of course, is sexacious! Viagra increases blood flow to the penis and with ecstasy mixed in can result in an erection that can last for hours. This can result in a trip to the hospital, damage to tissue of the penis and can even a heart attack. In other words, too much of a good thing can, quite literally, kill you. 

COUGH SYRUP WITH CODEINE

STREET NAME: Sizzyrup, Lean, Syrup, Purple Drank
 A popular drug cocktail used to get high. Consists of prescription strength cough syrup with Codeine, 7-Up soda or another fizzy drink and chunks of red Jolly Ranchers. The opiate, codeine, produces a feeling of euphoria.
RISKS: Overdosing on prescription syrup is potentially fatal. Too much codeine, which is produced from morphine, can depress the central nervous system and stop the heart and lungs 





AMYL NITRATES.....

STREET NAMES: Butyl Nitrate, Poppers, Rush, Hardware, Locker Room, Aroma of Man

Poppers are a schedule II drug. The vapors are inhaled through the nose and/or mouth. It creates a euphoric good feelings to the user during sex and is popular in the gay community. Because it has muscle-relaxing effects it helps loosen the anal sphincter muscles and some use it prior to anal sex.

Amyl nitrate is sold in small brown bottles by head shops and smoke shops as "room odorizer," "head cleaner," "liquid incense," or "rave."

RISKS: Some people experience blackouts, dizziness, and respiratory problems; overuse can cause vascular collapse and death. **(B)**

KETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE.....

STREET NAMES: Ketalar, Special K, Vitamin K, Cat Valium

A powerful hallucinogen widely used as an animal tranquilizer by veterinarians. Users describe profound hallucinations that include visual distortions and a lost sense of time, sense, and identity.

Ketamine powder is usually snorted, mixed in drinks or smoked. Liquid ketamine is injected, applied on a smokeable material or consumed in drinks. Most abusers of ketamine take small lines or "bumps" for a mild, dreamy effect. A dose of 100 mg is usually enough to enter a "K-Hole" experience.

RISKS: Higher doses produce an effect referred to as "K-Hole," an "out of body," or "near-death" experience.

Use of the drug can cause delirium, amnesia, depression, and long-term memory and cognitive difficulties. Due to its dissociative effect, it is reportedly used as a date-rape drug. **(B)**



**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:
NARCOTICS, DEPRESSANTS,
STIMULANTS**.....

TRADE NAMES: Oxycodone, Morphine, Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone, Codeine, Vicodin, Vicoprofen, Tussionex, Lortab, Dilaudid, Roxicet, Oxycodone w/ Acetaminophen, OxyContin, Endocet, Percocet, Percodan, Acetaminophen, Guaifenesin or Promethazine w/Codeine, Fiorinal, Fioricet or Tylenol w/Codeine, Valium, Xanax, Halcion, Ativan, Restoril, Rohypnol, Ambien

Some prescription drugs act as stimulants and others as depressants. All have legitimate medicinal purposes but many are abused for recreational use. The stimulant drugs may prolong a sexual encounter and depressants may enhance it due to the body relaxation it causes and the loss of inhibition it creates in the user.

RISKS: Each prescription drug has its own side effects and risks when abused that may include: vomiting, mood changes, seizures, heart failure, decrease in ability to think (cognitive function), and even decreased respiratory function, coma, or death.

A major risk with prescription drugs is overdose and lethal mixes of different medications. **(B)**



CONSEQUENCES OF SEX ON DRUGS

The use of alcohol and drugs to enhance sex has its consequences, namely increased risk-taking behavior and feeling regretful about having sex while under the influence.

INDIVIDUALS WHO DRINK OR USE DRUGS ARE MORE LIKELY TO:

- have had five or more sexual partners
- have had sex without a condom.
- have regretted sex after drinking or using drugs



DRUGS AND GETTING INFECTED WITH HIV

Using alcohol or drugs before or during sexual activity greatly increases the chances that you will not follow safer sex guidelines. You may have more fun while you're partying, but you're more likely to have sex. If you do, you probably won't be thinking about safer sex guidelines to reduce your chances of getting HIV or other sexually transmitted diseases. If you swap drugs for sex, the risks increase.

The association between drug use and increased risk of HIV infection was strongest for drugs used specifically to enhance sexual pleasure,

Drug Schedules

The Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act was made law in 1970. Title II of this law, the Controlled Substances Act, is the legal foundation of narcotics enforcement in the United States. The Controlled Substances Act regulates the manufacture, possession, movement, and distribution of drugs in our country.

Schedule I Drugs

Schedule I drugs have a high tendency for abuse and have no accepted medical use. Pharmacies do not sell Schedule I drugs, and they are not available with a prescription by physician.

Ecstasy

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| LSD | Mushrooms |
| Peyote | GHB (date rape drug) |
| Hallucinogenic | Marijuana |

Schedule II Drugs

Schedule II drugs have a high tendency for abuse, may have an accepted medical use, and can produce dependency or addiction with chronic use. Schedule II drugs may be available with a prescription by a physician, but not all pharmacies may carry them. These drugs require more stringent records and storage procedures than drugs in Schedules III and IV.

Opium

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| Morphine | Methadone |
| Hydrocodone | Methamphetamines |
| Oxycodone | |

Schedule III Drugs

Schedule III drugs have less potential for abuse or addiction than drugs in the first two schedules and have a currently accepted medical use. Schedule III drugs may be available with a prescription, but not all pharmacies may carry them.

- Ketamine (anabolic steroids)**
- Morphine (lower potency)**
- Hydrocodone with aspirin or acetaminophen**

Schedule IV Drugs

Schedule IV drugs have a low potential for abuse, have a currently accepted medical use, has a low chance for addiction or limited addictive properties. These drugs may be available with a prescription, but not all pharmacies may carry them.

- Valium**
- Rohypnol**
- Xanax**

Schedule V Drugs

Schedule V drugs have a lower chance of abuse than Schedule IV drugs, have a currently accepted medical use in the US, and lesser chance or side effects of dependence compared to Schedule IV drugs.

- Cough syrups with Codeine**
- Cold medicine with Ephedrine**