

no tan lights illuminated. The vehicle smelled strongly of marijuana, according to deputies, and a search found almost 10 ounces of methamphetamine and almost 15 grams of cocaine, along with marijuana. Jerome Sanders, of Miami, was pulled over for speeding March 27 on Big Pine Key and was arrested for possession of heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine.

Ramsay said this is part of a trend that is being seen all over the nation, caused by corruption within the pharmaceutical and medical industries, in which patients were prescribed large amounts of highly addictive painkillers to become dependent in the process. I obtain more pills, sometimes turn narcotics when unable to kick the habit. "Studies show of people

methamphetamine and 14.9 grams of cocaine hidden in an air filter during an April 4 search of a car in Islamorada, one of several traffic-related stops recently that resulted in drug busts.

addicted to heroin at one time had a legal prescription from a doctor for pain management," Ramsay said. "At some point in time the doctors no longer filled those scripts. For the longest time you were seeing the most prescribed drug across the nation was Oxycontin. These were being prescribed across the nation by doctors for every type of pain imaginable. Minor stuff, oxys."

Ramsay said that Purdue Pharma, the company that manufactures Oxycontin, is the most profitable pharmaceutical company in the world. He said he has seen 10 times as many prescriptions of "pill addicts" in Florida as he has seen in other states. He said he has seen 10 times as many prescriptions of "pill addicts" in Florida as he has seen in other states. He said he has seen 10 times as many prescriptions of "pill addicts" in Florida as he has seen in other states.

use that report to get more drugs. We told doctors to stop sending people to us."

The problem is so bad at this point that Ramsay's officers (and in many other departments) carry Narcan, a drug that can mitigate the effects of an opioid overdose, potentially saving lives. Lots of heroin is now laced with fentanyl, which according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. Narcan is not only to administer to the public, but to his officers after touching powdery substances, since fentanyl can be absorbed through the skin and sometimes through a rubber glove, according to Ramsay, and very small amounts can be lethal.

Ramsay said more drugs than ever are coming into communities and he hopes to push back as much as possible, though he said the war on drugs is not

Ramsay compares the effort to stop drug use to America's war in Afghanistan. eweld@keysnews.com

NOTICE OF MEETING

THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR RFP 002-21 DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES WILL MEET TO RANK PROPOSALS THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021 AT 10:30 AM CITY HALL, 1300 WHITE STREET, KEY WEST, FL ROOM 216

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Invitation To Bid

City of Key West Will Receive Bids for the Following

ITB Name: ITB 21-003 Conch Republic Roof Replacement Key West Historic Seaport
 ITB Opening: May 5, 2021 at 3:30 PM
 ITB Location: Office of the City Clerk, 1300 White St., Key West, FL 33040

Documents may be requested from DemandStar @ www.demandstar.com or call 800.711.1712 or @ www.cityofkeywest-fl.gov. All responses must be received on or before the date and time specified. The City of Key West reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept or reject any and all responses and to waive informalities or irregularities when it is in the best interest of the City.

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