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White House Drug Czar to Release President Bush's New National Anti-Drug Strategy in Portland, Oregon

Director John Walters to Announce Details During Visit to and Opening of New Local Drug Treatment Facility; Discuss New Trends in Meth Use in Oregon

(Washington, D.C.) – John Walters, Director of National Drug Control Policy and President Bush's "Drug Czar" will release President Bush's 2007 National Drug Control Strategy during a visit to Portland, Oregon's **Union Gospel Mission drug treatment center on Friday, February 9th**. The new National Drug Control Strategy will outline the Administration's plan for reducing both the demand and supply of illegal drugs and highlight national trends in drug use over the past five years. During the announcement, Director Walters will join local officials to discuss new data which reveal dramatic changes in methamphetamine use in Oregon.

The release of President Bush's Strategy will coincide with the official opening of the Union Gospel Mission's new drug treatment facility on 3rd Avenue in Portland. The Union Gospel Mission was founded in 1927 and houses a faith-based drug treatment facility called "LifeChange" that has helped drug-addicted citizens successfully recover from the use of meth and other drugs. During his visit, Director Walters will also meet with the Community Action to Reduce Substance Abuse (CARSA) group – a local drug prevention coalition which is working to prevent young people from using drugs in Portland.

Who: President Bush's "Drug Czar" John Walters
Bill Russell, Executive Director of Union Gospel Mission, Portland
Oregon

What: Release of **President Bush's New National Drug Control Strategy**
and **Opening of Portland Drug Treatment Center** facility

When: Friday, February 9th, 2007

11:00 a.m. Open press tour of new building with Drug Czar / b-roll
opportunity
11:30 a.m. Press conference / Release of President Bush's new anti-
drug strategy

Where: Union Gospel Mission Drug Treatment Center
3 NW 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon

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