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***Marijuana Distribution Relies Primarily on Generosity of Friends and Family***

Marijuana distribution relies primarily on informal dealing through social networks, according analysis of data from a national household survey.\*More than one-half (58%) of household who had used marijuana in the past year reported that they most recently obtained their free, compared to 39% who reported purchasing it. Nearly all (89%) marijuana users reported their most recent acquisitions from a friend or relative (see figures below). And unlike users expensive drugs such as cocaine and heroin, the majority of people who used marijuana (58%) gave away or shared some of their most recent acquisition (data not shown).

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Caulkins, J.P. and Pacula, R.L., "Marijuana Markets: Inferences From Reports by the Household Population," *Journal of Drug Issues*, 36(1): 173-200, 2006. For more information, contact Dr. Jonathan P. Caulkins at [caulkins@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:caulkins@andrew.cmu.edu).