

## FSS Briefing

# Robbery and Theft following Doping with Diazepam

### Purpose

To raise awareness of possibly linked cases of robbery and theft by Rumanian nationals following doping with diazepam.

### Cases submitted to FSS

*(Detailed spreadsheet attached)*

- Two outbreaks over August – October 2009 and a third outbreak in June-July 2010.
  - Gay men targeted in 2/3 outbreaks. No sexual assault.
  - Phones, laptops, credit cards stolen.
  - Diazepam added to drinks, probably in concentrated form from 2ml glass ampoules containing 10 milligrams of diazepam, normally only found in hospitals for injections. 5 milligrams is a sedative dose. Effects and rapidity of action increased by alcohol.
  - Diazepam detected in glass ampoules, perfume bottle, glass fragments, wine, glasses, cups and blood and urine (3½ days later).
- 1) **Ms. Andrea Niculau.** Targeted heterosexual men in London clubs. Returned with them to their home/hotel; administered diazepam. Trial based on 4 known cases. .Pleaded guilty. Sentenced to 2 years imprisonment. Apparently 10 cases known, 20 cases suspected.
  - 2) **Mr. Nicolae Radu.** Targeted gay men in London clubs. Returned to their homes/hotels; administered diazepam in drinks. Trial based on 3 cases. .Pleaded not guilty. Found guilty. Sentenced to six years imprisonment.

Further recent offences have occurred with different suspects targeting gay men where Diazepam has been detected in blood and urine samples collected from the victims

## **Recommendations**

- Submit blood and urine for drug analysis, or hair if there is a long delay after the incident. Diazepam is long lived in the body and may be possible to detect for 7 days in the blood and urine.
- Submit glasses, cups, glass fragments and liquids that may have contained or been in contact with diazepam.

## **Contacts**

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