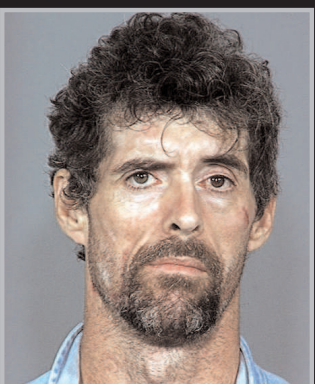
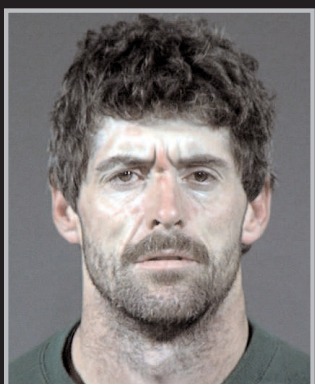


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Methamphetamine destroys the mind and body. Jail photos show only a hint of the drug's devastation. Meth eats away at brain tissue, accelerates blood pressure, creates psychosis and causes the body to overheat. Teeth fall out. The body stops craving food, and only wants the drug.

# The faces of meth

before and after



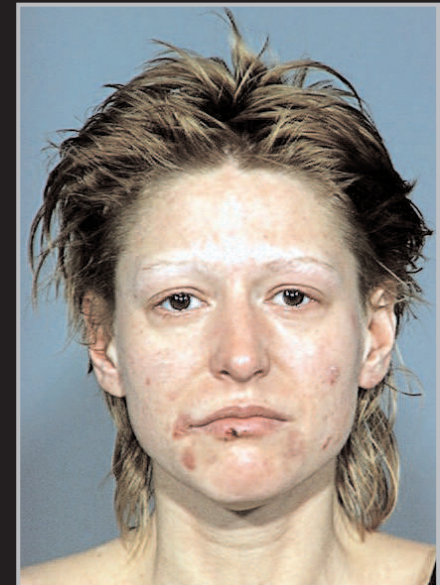
October 1999 and 5 years later

One addict said it's the closest thing to becoming a living zombie.



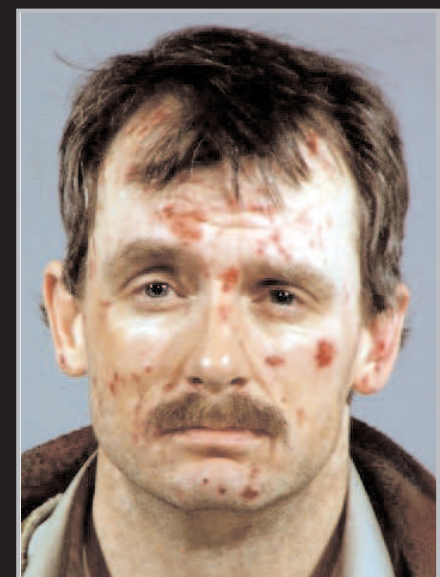
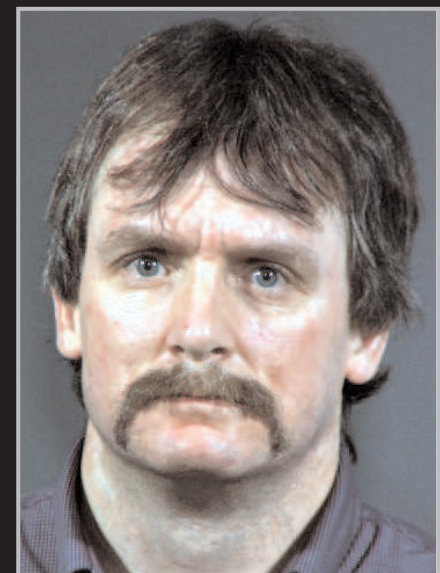
June 2001 and 3 years, 5 months later

"I can't stand to look at myself in the mirror," she says.



July 2003 and 17 months later

December 1999 and 3 months later



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Oregon Partnership at [www.methawarenessproject.org](http://www.methawarenessproject.org) or 877-553-TEEN

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On the Web, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration directory of treatment providers: [www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov](http://www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov)