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Re: Synthetic Marijuana is now illegal in New Jersey

Wyckoff Police Chief Benjamin Fox advises that as of February 29, 2012; it is illegal to distribute, sell or possess any and all kinds of synthetic marijuana. These chemicals have typically been sold at some convenience stores and small retail locations under brand names of “K2” “K3” “Spice” “Kush” “Down 2 Earth” “Comatose Candy” and many others. The packages are often falsely labeled as “incense” or “potpourri”, and the labels often state that the contents are not subject to any state or federal bans.

Anyone charged faces a crime of the 3rd degree with fines up to \$25,000 and three to five years of imprisonment. Synthetic marijuana has been linked to side effects including convulsions, anxiety attacks, dangerously elevated heart rates, increased blood pressure, vomiting, agitation, confusion and hallucinations.

The Wyckoff Police Department Detective Bureau has contacted every store in the community that might have this product for sale. Thankfully, no businesses were offering the products and they were advised of the new law prohibiting the sale or possession. Parents should be aware that children can probably still get this product through many different ways.

Anyone with any information about any business or individual selling synthetic marijuana should contact their local police department.