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Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Via Hand Delivery

Re: Outlawing of Synthetic Drugs

Dear Sir or Madam:

This correspondence shall serve to advise you that the Attorney General of Florida has issued an Emergency Order adding certain chemicals to the schedule of substances controlled under Florida law. As of December 11, 2012, the synthetic drugs listed on the attached New Emergency Scheduled Chemicals are classified as Schedule I controlled substances under Florida law. It is illegal to possess, purchase, sell or distribute Schedule I controlled substances under Florida law. The substances are currently being marketed under a variety of different names and brands.

The Attorney General has taken this extraordinary step due to the significant threat these chemicals pose to the health and safety of our citizens, particularly to our youth.

You may direct inquiries regarding which products may contain these chemicals and/or the lawful dispensing of the controlled substances to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office-City/County Investigative Bureau at (407) 665-6150 or to the Florida Fusion Center at (850) 410-8389.

Professionally,

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **Seminole County law enforcement advising businesses about new synthetic drug ban**

*~Products pose significant threat to public health and safety~*

SEMINOLE CO. (Dec. 11, 2012) – Law enforcement agencies in Seminole County will immediately begin visiting more than 350 local retailers to advise store owners and managers about the ban on synthetic substances issued earlier today by Attorney General Pam Bondi. The Attorney General’s order adds 22 chemicals to the schedule of substances controlled under Florida law.

The synthetic drugs are marketed, often with deceptive packaging, under a variety of different names and brands and are commonly known as “bath salts,” and “K2” or “Spice.” The drugs are frequently labeled as being “all natural” or “a safe alternative,” but can be powerful stimulants that can cause psychotic episodes, hallucinations, seizures, paranoia, tremors, and other serious medical reactions. The products are believed to be produced as substitutes for marijuana, ecstasy, cocaine and amphetamines. They are typically sold at convenience, liquor, and tobacco stores.

Law enforcement officers will contact stores selling the products to ensure they are aware of the order and request voluntary compliance. Stores carrying the products will be asked to remove their inventory, and may turn it over to law enforcement for safe and proper disposal. Today’s visits are informational and educational, and no arrests will be made for possession of the product. Deputies from the Seminole County Sheriff’s Office and officers from the Altamonte Springs, Casselberry, Lake Mary, Longwood, Oviedo, Sanford, and Winter Springs Police Departments will conduct the visits.

Each location will be visited by law enforcement officers again in the near future to ensure compliance. Any locations still selling the product at that time will face enforcement action and possible criminal charges.

Members of the community who have the synthetic drugs in their possession may turn in the products, no questions asked, at drug drop off boxes located at each local law enforcement agency. A list of locations can be found at [www.seminolepreventioncoalition.org](http://www.seminolepreventioncoalition.org) (go to the “Pitch your Pills” tab).

In 2011 and 2012, the Florida Legislature banned a number of chemicals found in synthetic drugs, yet manufacturers continue to produce and distribute dangerous, alternative compounds. More information can be found on the Attorney General’s website at: [www.myfloridalegal.com](http://www.myfloridalegal.com)

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### Synthetic Drugs Receive Emergency Scheduling

**Introduction/Overview:**

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is providing the following situational awareness brief addressing new psychoactive synthetic substances that are being marketed to Florida's youth. Suspected as being produced as legal substitutes for ecstasy, cocaine, and amphetamines, these chemicals are powerful stimulant drugs that have been designed to avoid legal prosecution, and are commonly available on the internet, specialty "smoke" shops, and convenience stores. Synthetic drugs can be comprised of different unregulated chemical substances and are being sold under a variety of names or brands. Both the law enforcement community and medical professionals indicate that these substances are becoming increasingly popular due to the perception that they pose a seemingly safer alternative to illegal methods of getting "high" and can easily be obtained.



Photo Source: Herald Times

On December 11, 2012, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi deemed the below chemicals to be a significant threat to health and public safety within the State of Florida. By delegation of authority granted under Chapter 893.035(7)(a), Florida Statute, Attorney General Bondi placed these chemicals as emergency Schedule I drugs in which the purchase, possession, sale, and/or distribution can result in a felony arrest.

**New Emergency Scheduled Chemicals:**

The following cathinones are associated with unregulated psychoactive substances that are potentially harmful and have been emergency scheduled by the Attorney General's Office:

Pentedrone (2-(methylamino)-1-phenyl-1-pentanone)
Fluoroamphetamine
Fluoromethamphetamine
Methoxetamine
Methiopropamine
4-Methylbuphedrone (2-Methylamino-1-(4-methylphenyl)butan-1-one
APB ((2-aminopropyl)benzofuran)
APDB ((2-aminopropyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran)

The following synthetic cannabinoids are associated with unregulated psychoactive substances that are potentially harmful and have been emergency scheduled by the Attorney General's Office:

UR-144 ((1-pentyl-1H-indol-3-yl)(2,2,3,3-tetramethylcyclopropyl)methanone)
XLR11 ((1-(5-fluoropentyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)(2,2,3,3-tetramethylcyclopropyl)methanone)
1-(5-chloropentyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)(2,2,3,3-tetramethylcyclopropyl)methanone
AKB48 (1-pentyl-N-tricyclo[3.3.1.1 <sup>3,7</sup> ]dec-1-yl-1H-indazole-3-carboxamide)
AM-2233 ((2-iodophenyl)[1-[(1-methyl-2-piperidinyl)methyl]-1H-indol-3-yl]-methanone)
STS-135 (1-(5-fluoropentyl)-N-tricyclo[3.3.1.1 <sup>3,7</sup> ]dec-1-yl-1H-indole-3-carboxamide)
URB-597 (3'-(aminocarbonyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-cyclohexylcarbamate)
URB-602 ([1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl-carbamic acid, cyclohexyl ester)
URB-754 (6-methyl-2-[(4-methylphenyl)amino]-1-benzoxazin-4-one)

The following synthetic phenethylamines are associated with unregulated psychoactive substances that are potentially harmful and have been emergency scheduled by the Attorney General's Office:

2C-D (2-(2,5-Dimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)ethanamine)
2C-H (2-(2,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)ethanamine)
2C-N (2-(2,5-Dimethoxy-4-nitrophenyl)ethanamine)
2C-P (2-(2,5-Dimethoxy-4-(n)-propylphenyl)ethanamine)
25I-NBOMe (4-iodo-2,5-dimethoxy-N-[(2-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-benzeneethanamine)

**Retailers and those in possession of psychoactive synthetic substances who require assistance in their lawful disposal are asked to contact their local law enforcement agencies. Failure to comply with this emergency order can result in a felony arrest as punishable under 775.082, F.S.**

If you would like more information about this intelligence brief or if you have information that you would like posted in a bulletin, please contact the Florida Department of Law Enforcement at (850) 410-7645.

Send feedback comments or suggestions to: [Fusionfeedback@fdle.state.fl.us](mailto:Fusionfeedback@fdle.state.fl.us) (Please reference the Brief #).

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