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ATTN: All Internet Websites Selling Synthetic Cathinones and Synthetic Cannabinoids (also known as “Spice” and “Bath Salts”)

DATE: December 12, 2012

RE: Demand to Cease and Desist the Sale of all Synthetic Cathinones, Synthetic Cannabinoids (also known as “Spice” and “Bath Salts”) and any substance that meets the definition of an “Analogue Drug” pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Sections 802(32)(A) and 813.

Introduction

By way of introduction, I am the County Attorney for Yavapai County, Arizona. As the County Attorney, I have multiple responsibilities to the citizens of Yavapai County, Arizona. One of those responsibilities is the prosecution of individuals who threaten the health and safety of the residents of Yavapai County, Arizona.

Recently, I was successful in obtaining Injunctions against all known retailers in Yavapai County enjoining them from selling synthetic cathinones, synthetic cannabinoids (also known as “Spice” and “Bath Salts”), and any substance that meets the definition of an “Analogue Drug” pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Sections 802(32)(A) and 813. On September 17, 2012, Superior Court Judge Michael R. Bluff issued Permanent and Preliminary Injunctions banning the sale of all synthetic cannabinoids or synthetic cathinones (also known as “Spice” and “Bath Salts”) pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-2917 by these retailers.

I have attached a copy of the Permanent and Preliminary Injunctions. The Court’s Order detail the Findings explaining how these substances are dangerous to the public. The Permanent Injunction is only one step toward my goal of eliminating the purchase and delivery of these products to all residents in Yavapai County, Arizona, **including all internet sales**, either through cooperation or prosecution.

Your Cooperation

I am asking for your cooperation to Cease and Desist from selling synthetic cathinones, synthetic cannabinoids, (also known as “Spice” and “Bath Salts”), and any substance that meets the definition of an “Analogue Drug” pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Sections 802(32)(A) and 813, to the residents and businesses of Yavapai County. (See <http://www.yavapai.us/mis/gis-mapping-applications> for specific towns and cities.)

If you choose to cooperate by not selling these dangerous synthetic substances to the residents and businesses of Yavapai County, Arizona, please post a notice on your website stating:

“I have agreed not to sell synthetic cathinones, synthetic cannabinoids (also known as “Spice” and “Bath Salts”), and any substance that meets the definition of an “Analogue Drug” pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Sections 802(32)(A) and 813, to the residents and businesses of Yavapai County, Arizona.”

Additionally, if you choose to cooperate, please sign the enclosed **Synthetic Drugs Community Protection Agreement** and return it to my office by mail or to YCAO@yavapai.us by e-mail within the next thirty (30) days.

Notice

If You Choose Not to Voluntarily Cease This Dangerous Activity

You are hereby on notice that the synthetic drugs referenced in this letter are being consumed by residents of Yavapai County with devastating, dangerous and life-threatening consequences.

If you sell or continue to sell synthetic cathinones, synthetic cannabinoids (also known as “Spice” and “Bath Salts”), or any substance that meets the definition of an “Analogue Drug” pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Sections 802(32)(A) and 813, to any resident or business in Yavapai County, Arizona, your organization and you individually could be subject to further legal action by the Yavapai County Attorney’s Office. Please feel free to contact Maggie Robertson at (928) 777-7133 or maggie.robertson@yavapai.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Sheila Sullivan Polk
Yavapai County Attorney