



BRPD News Item

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Date:	11-18-14
Slug:	Smoke Shop Raid
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Local, state and federal agencies joined forces today, executing seven search warrants at smoke shops for Synthetic Marijuana in the Baton Rouge and Baker area. Use of these products has lead to a public safety threat, causing life threatening harm to those who consume it. The agencies involved in today's raids have attempted to curtail the use of this dangerous substance in East Baton Rouge Parish, and have been monitoring these businesses for several months.

Baton Rouge Police Department, East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office, Louisiana State Police, DEA, Baker Police Department and Delta Drug Task Force simultaneously executed the warrants at the following locations seizing approximately 1785 grams synthetic marijuana, 900 packets of Blue Diamond Synthetic Marijuana, \$35,365 worth of suspected synthetic marijuana approximately 528 of suspected high grade Marijuana, Tramadol, Alprazolam, various knives and swords, and over \$9,000 cash

High Times, 6230 Florida Blvd.
 Approximately 215 grams synthetic marijuana, \$727 cash
 Arrested:
 Thanh Le, 2/2/86, PWITD Marijuana

Novelty Shop, 6224 Plank Road
 Approximately 457.5 grams synthetic marijuana, \$1,358
 Arrested:
 Wafa Eschete, 7/27/88, PWTID Synthetic Marijuan

Paradise Smoke Shop, 9789 Florida Blvd.
 Approximately 528 grams of suspected high grade marijuana, 481.5 grams of Suspected synthetic marijuana, 1,059 grams of unknown powder, 9 dose units of suspected Alprazolam and 20 dose units of suspected Tramadol
 \$6,964 cash
 Arrested:
 Stephanie Marcelin, 9/8/74, PWITD Alprazolam, Possession of Marijuana 2nd °
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 Chad Shaffer, 1/26/66, PWITD Marijuana, Synthetic Marijuana, Tramadol, and Distribution of Synthetic Marijuana.

Blue Dragon, 16565 George O'Neal
 Detectives seized approx. 631 grams of suspected Synthetic Marijuana, and \$577
 Arrested:
 Vu Dinh Hoang, 5/10/79, PWITD Marijuana
 Tu Tran Nguyen, 7/2/81, PWITD Synthetic Marijuana

Mr. Happy Novelty Shop, 14424 Plank Rd., Baker
 \$35,365 worth of Synthetic Marijuana
 Arrested:
 Dustin Scott Graham (w/m 11/13/91)
 9771 Jefferson Hwy #106
 Baton Rouge, La.
 Justin James Marcantel (A/M 8/18/88)
 9771 Jefferson Hwy #106
 Baton Rouge, La.

Maliboo Smoke Shop, 1962 O'Neal Lane, Suite K
 Approx. 400 packets of Blue Diamond Seized
 Arrested: Maudi Lee Leteff, 6/1/82
 Charges: Possession of Schedule I (Marijuana)
 Distribution of Schedule I (Blue Diamond)
 Possession of Schedule IV (Alprazolam)

Good Times Smoke Shop, 2515 O'Neal Lane #9
 Approximately 500 packets of Blue Diamond, Knives and Swords
 Arrested: Dinh Ha Nguyen, 11/4/69
 Charges: Distribution of Schedule I
 Possession of Weapons with CDS

District Attorney Hillar Moore and the Louisiana State Police successfully expedited analysis of the chemical compounds used in the products that were seized today.