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Excise Police Seize 497 Containers of Synthetic Marijuana

PRINCETON, Ind. (Aug. 22) – Indiana State Excise Police officers seized 497 containers of suspected synthetic marijuana at a Princeton business.

Around 1:00 p.m. today, officers inspected Sam Food Mart, 602 N. Main Street. As a result, they seized 491 packages of synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2 or Spice, along with three packages of Salvia and three packages of suspected bath salts.

Excise police began enforcing Indiana's new synthetic marijuana law shortly after it took effect July 1. On July 12, excise police announced their enforcement of the new law, which prohibits possession or sale of synthetic marijuana. (Photograph of synthetic marijuana products attached.)

"The Indiana State Excise Police is committed to working diligently to keep K2/spice off the streets," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. "The Indiana General Assembly has made it clear that having these synthetic substances available to the public is unacceptable; therefore, we will do our part to keep the public and our youth from accessing theses potentially dangerous substances."

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. Excise officers enforce all state laws, but focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

