



# Press Release

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### **KPD Confiscates Synthetic Marijuana from D's Smoke Shop**

**Kilgore, TX** -- Over the last several months, the Kilgore Police Department has received many citizen complaints and information D's Smoke Shop located at 2508 U.S. Hwy 259 N., Kilgore, Texas was selling Synthetic Marijuana products, commonly referred to as "K2" along with "Molly" pills (Mephedrone). An investigation was initiated by the Police Department.

On Friday, October 21, 2011, the Kilgore Police Department executed a search warrant at D's Smoke Shop. A search of the business resulted in the police seizing numerous packages, vials, boxes of suspected synthetic marijuana, suspected "Molly" pills and an AR-15 Rifle. Police also discovered the business was selling pornographic movies and magazines in violation of the Kilgore City Ordinance regulating Adult Business. All the pornographic items were also seized by police.

Two arrests were made at the store by police. The owner Michael Siv, 43 years of age, from Kilgore Texas was arrested for Violation of City Ordinance- Illegal Smoking Products and Violation of City Ordinance – Adult Business Regulations. A store clerk identified as Vannwathanak Hun, 28 years of age from Allen Texas was also arrested for Violation of City Ordinance – Illegal Smoking Products and Violation of City Ordinance – Adult Business Regulations. Both were booked into the Kilgore City Jail.

Whereas the City of Kilgore passed a city ordinance last year banning synthetic marijuana, the State of Texas recently passed a law also banning the substance along with other similar synthetic drugs which became effective on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. In light of this recent legislation, the Kilgore Police Department is currently reviewing other evidence with the potential of filing additional criminal cases against the owner of the shop.

Synthetic marijuana is an extremely dangerous drug marketed towards children and young adults. It is manufactured with various unknown chemicals which mimic the effect of marijuana. The Kilgore Police Department maintains a zero tolerance policy in regards to the sale, possession or manufacture of any drugs or narcotics in the City of Kilgore. The Kilgore Police Department is dedicated to keeping all of our Citizens safe.