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To: Epsom Board of Selectmen
FROM: Chief Wayne B. Preve
DATE: September 10, 2014
RE: Prohibition of the Possession or Sale of Synthetic Cannabinoids

Please consider this a formal request for the Epsom Board of Selectmen to have an "emergency meeting" to discuss a potential ordinance for the Town of Epsom restricting the possession or sale of Synthetic Cannabinoids.

On September 9, 2014 the Epsom Police Department in conjunction with the New Hampshire State Police executed a search warrant at a local business in the Town of Epsom in reference to this matter. This matter is still under investigation and I cannot provide you with any other information regarding this at this time so not to compromise the investigation.

The Epsom Police Department has seen a rapid increase in the use of these Synthetic Cannaboids recently resulting in several overdoses, incidents involving criminal activity, and motor vehicle accidents. The Epsom Police Department receives complaints daily of individuals calling and coming to the police department with concerns about these products being sold and the the impact it is having on their friends and family.

These incidents have strained the resources not only of the Epsom Police Department but the Epsom Fire/Rescue with transports to Concord Hospital. These products that were purchased in the Town of Epsom have also resulted in overdoses in Chichester, Concord, and other local towns straining their resources as well.

At this time the Epsom Police Department is requesting immediate action from the Board of Selectmen due to the public safety concern of these products.

Respectfully,

Wayne B. Preve
Epsom Police Department