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Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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Statistics for October

ARSON	2
ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	10
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	11
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	2
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	15
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	19
DRUNKENNESS	10
DUI	6
FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE	8
FAMILY OFFENSES (NONVIOLENT)	1
IMPERSONATION	5
LARCENY (ALL OTHER)	38
KIDNAPPING	2
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2
SHOPLIFTING	21
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	99
TOTAL OFFENSES	253
TOTAL ARRESTS	134 ADULTS 12 JUVENILE
TOTAL WARRANTS	1510 CIVIL 303 CRIMINAL

Sheriff's Message

In this month's newsletter the subject of K2 and bath salts will be discussed. Many of you have heard recent news on bath salts and K2. How easy it is to come by and how addictive the drugs can be. The side effects of these drugs are similar to using other illegal drugs, such as marijuana, cocaine or meth. They both can cause elevated heart rates, increased blood pressure, loss of consciousness or death. They also can cause irritability, paranoia, hallucinations and dangerous behavior. These drugs may contain poisons. They are very unsafe to use and no one knows the long term effects. Thanks to recent legislation these drugs are now illegal to possess or distribute in Virginia. It is a misdemeanor to possess and a felony to distribute. If you know of any stores that are selling these drugs please contact the sheriff's office. Thank you,

Sheriff Fred Newman

MONTHLY MEETINGS

12-01	MENDOTA/Mendota Community Center	7PM
12-05	BURSON CORNER / CLAYMAN VALLEY Benefit Auction/ Dinner	6PM
12-06	HIGH POINT /EAGLE RIDGE High Point Elementary School	7PM
12-12	CROWEVILLE /GLADE SPRING	7PM
12-13	HAYTERS GAP EVENING GROUP Clinch Mountain Fire Dept.	7PM
12-27	HAYTERS GAP Hayter's Gap Community Center	10:30AM
01-26 -12	KONNAROCK Konarock Community Center	7PM
03-20-12	HIGHLANDER PARK Noonkester Field Park	7PM
01-10-12	WOODLAND HILLS Woodland Hills Christian Church	7PM
01-12-12	GATE CITY HIGHWAY Three Springs Methodist	7PM
01-19-12	ZION COMMUNITY Zion Church	7PM
03-08-12	QUAIL RIDGE/Ely Residence	7PM
03-15-12	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY/ Zion Church	7PM
03-19-12	MELVIN HILLS /OAK HILL ESTATES/ WYNDALE COMMUNITY Pleasant View Methodist Church	7PM
03-20-12	EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS Noonkester Field Park	7PM
03-26-12	GREEN SPRINGS/CLEVELAND/ HARBOR LIGHT COMMUNITY Cleveland Community Center	7PM
02-09-12	WORTHINGTON WAY Worthington Way Road	7PM

K2 AND BATH SALTS

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Chances are you've heard of K2 by now but do you have any idea what's in K2 or where it came from? Many are doing research to find out just what K2 is going to do to them should they decide to give it a try, or just to see what all the excitement is about. Essentially, K2 herbal incense, also known as "Spice" or K2 herbal smoke among other names, is a popular and controversial item both on the net and in the States that haven't outlawed it yet. K2 is natural incense that is made up of *canavalia rosea*, *clematis nucifera*, *heima salicifolia*, and *ledum palustre*. In fact, many of these herbs have been used as blends for herbal cigarettes so are not new on the scene. The point of contention lies in the inclusion of an ingredient known as JWH-018, which is the "synthetic THC" compound that produces the intoxicating marijuana-like effect. Because of this, the legal aspect of herbal incense and K2 will continue to be a hot issue. However, it is illegal to purchase, use and possess it in most States. As legislatures became wise to K2 herbal smoke craze, studies were conducted and laws have been enacted. According to research, K2 herbal incense contains bioactive herbs (mentioned above) that do help with the intoxicating "effect" but that the real bang comes from the JWH-018, which is really a pain relieving chemical from the naphthoylindole family. The problem, however, is that this compound is much more potent than THC, which is the main psychoactive ingredient in cannabis. What does this mean? It means you have to be really careful with the dosage of K2 or you're going to be in some trouble. Bath salts are very addictive psychoactive chemicals which are presumed to include synthetic cocaine and an ecstasy variety in its components. Bath salts produce a "high" comparable to methamphetamine. Its main ingredient is MDPV or 3, 4-Methylenedioxypropylvalerone, a psychoactive drug under Schedule V classification. MDPV is a stimulant introduced as a legal drug because of its research chemical status. However drug abuse trend of bath salts happened when it was successfully sold as a drug alternative. Another chemical component of bath salts is 4-methylmeth-cathinone or Mephedrone. It is also a synthetic stimulant that contains cathinone. This chemical compound is obtainable in the plant grown in Africa called "khat". For this reason these new drugs are also known as herbal bath salts. Other psychoactive chemicals found in bath salts are 4-Fluoromethcathinone, 3-Fluoromethcathinone, 3-Methoxymethcathinone and 3, 4-Methylenedioxymethcathinone (Methylone). Bath salts designer drugs sold inside small powder pockets are not the same as the legally sold bath salts used for body cleansing and tub relaxation. The proof is the absence of the basic ingredients of legal bath salts which are sea salt and Epsom salt. Manufacturers of these designer drugs are presumed to have labeled it as bath salts in order to get around the country's drug laws. These drugs are legally sold as household chemicals analogous to insecticide and plant foods.

Gov. Bob McDonald signed two bills banning K2 and Bath salts. In Virginia. This is under Code Section 18.2-250- Schedule 1 Possession of either K2 or the bath salts is a felony, and distributing them would be a felony. Manufacturing the drugs would be punishable by up to 30 years in prison.

Bath Salts



K2 or Spice

Chaplain's Corner

...I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage that I may gain Christ.
Philippians 3:8b

Our most valuable asset is not what we can put in our hands, but rather our value is determined by whose hands we are in. The apostle Paul compared all his achievements, material possessions, and his social position to trash. The knowing of Christ as Lord brings life, peace, comfort, strength, and grace. The greatest gift ever given was found in the birth of Jesus Christ. The greatest gift we could ever receive is the gift of salvation, and the greatest that we could ever pass on is the surpassing worth of knowing Christ as Lord. Share your faith, Trust in the Lord, find yourself in Him, not in the trash of this world.

In Christ,
Erik Hinchey
WCSO Chaplain