



**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PROBATE / JUVENILE DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY**

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Dear Geauga County Parents:

Prior to October 17, 2011 there was no law regulating the sale, use or possession of synthetic cannabinoids. This material was also known as “fake weed” or by the name of “K2” or “Spice”. Also legal at that time was a product known as “Bath Salts”, which is a synthetic stimulant.

“K2” or “Spice” is usually plant material that resembles potpourri and the active ingredient in the product is a chemical compound that is similar to THC which is the psychoactive compound in Marijuana. “Spice” was sold in packages that stated that it was herbal incense or herbal smoking blends. “Spice” was the dominate brand of synthetic cannabinoids for a number of years and competing brands were also called “Spice”. This drug was usually ingested by smoking but could be made into tea. Some of the noted side effects are vomiting, increased agitation, paranoia, and panic attacks.

“Bath Salts” are the name for synthetic stimulants that are chemicals. The chemicals are a synthetic derivative of cathinone, a central nervous system stimulant. “Bath Salts” were packaged as “soothing bath salts” and the packaging was marked not for human consumption. This product has also been marketed as plant fertilizer. “Bath Salts” are sold in powder form in foil packages, between 200-500 milligrams, under various brand names. The powder is usually a fine white or an off white powder. It has also been found in tablet form. “Bath Salts” can be snorted/sniffed, taken orally, smoked or put into a solution and injected. The side effects on the body can include rapid heart rate, chest pains, nose bleeds, sweating, nausea and vomiting. The effects on the mind can include depression, paranoia, suicidal thoughts and panic attacks.

After October 17, 2011, the drugs “K2”, “Spice”, “Bath Salts” are now illegal and have significant penalties if someone is in possession, uses or sells these drugs. It is the goal of the Juvenile Court and the Sheriff’s Office to promote the education and awareness of the dangers of these drugs. With this thought we encourage that you discuss with your children the health and legal consequences of the use of these drugs.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Grendell,
Judge

Daniel C. McClelland,
Sheriff