

NORTHERN COLORADO DRUG TASK FORCE



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Search Warrant Served in Loveland Smoke Shop

On April 10, 2014 the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force (NCDTF) served a search warrant at The Down Low smoke shop located at 109 East 37th Street #A in Loveland, Colorado.

The search warrant was the result of a long-term investigation by the NCDTF and Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR) into the illegal sale of synthetic cannabinoids commonly known as "Spice." Spice is a mixture of herbs that is sprayed with synthetic chemical compounds to produce a psychoactive product similar to marijuana. Detectives seized nearly 707 grams of spice packaged as "Scooby Snax, Mr. Nice Guy, OMG, and Mr. Happy" with a street value of \$5,400. Previously in the investigation, the NCDTF and DOR recovered another type of spice packaged as "Heaven's Glass."

Tests conducted by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) showed the presence of synthetic cannabinoids in the seized products; the possession and sale of those items is illegal under Colorado and Federal law. The shop's owner, manager, and an employee were arrested and charged with felony offenses:

- Anthony D. Cortese: Unlawful Possession of Synthetic Cannabinoids with Intent to Distribute and Conspiracy to Distribute Synthetic Cannabinoids
- Bruce J. Lunder: Unlawful Distribution of Synthetic Cannabinoids
- Devin C. Pratt: Unlawful Distribution of Synthetic Cannabinoids

Additional charges are pending on all three. No booking photos are available to the NCDTF at this time and no further details will be released by this office.

The Northern Colorado Drug Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional team staffed by personnel from Fort Collins Police Services, the Loveland Police Department, and Colorado Adult Parole.

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