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**News Release**

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**Bath Salts, K2 Illegal Effective August 28th**

Effective Sunday August 28th, Missouri House Bill 641 makes the sale, distribution or possession of synthetic cannabinoids (K2 and K3) as well as synthetic cocaine illegal. The compounds typically found in synthetic cocaine are those which are produced for sale as bath salts and have various street names of "Ivory Wave", "Bloom" and "Vanilla Sky". K2 or K3, typically used as a synthetic marijuana and goes by the nickname "spice" is also a substance which will become illegal when HB 641 goes into effect.

The SPD has made the proactive step to contact businesses currently selling the salts and K2/K3 to inform them of the changes and to ensure compliance with the new law.

For further information, please check the Missouri House of Representatives website at [www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB641](http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB641)

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