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MEDIA CRIME REPORT

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"Cloud 9" Investigation

During the month of September, Macomb County Sheriff's Enforcement Team members became aware that an Inkster man, operating out of a small warehouse in Dearborn was supplying synthetic drugs to retail establishments in Macomb County.

Sheriff's narcotics detectives began an investigation and in late September they made a traffic-stop on a vehicle that the man was driving. Upon searching the vehicle, detectives located 63 vials of liquid synthetic drugs. The liquid contained AB-Pinaca which is a "compound" and a component of synthetic cannabis. It is commonly consumed through e-cigarettes or with hookah pipes, and is also referred to as "Cloud 9".

The synthetic drugs were labeled Shisha-Premium E-Liquid, Westcoast Hookah E-Liquid, Crown E-Liquid and Relax E-Liquid.

Detectives conducted additional searches of the man's apartment and the Dearborn warehouse and they intercepted a package with an additional 1,200 vials of the drug. The street value of the confiscated drugs is estimated at \$50,000.

At the culmination of the investigation, the matter was presented to the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office. The Prosecutor authorized a warrant for the arrest of the man.

On Tuesday, 10-21-14, **Bassam Honeini** appeared in the 37th District Court of Warren. He was arraigned and subsequently given a \$5,000 (personal) bond. He is due back in court on November 13th.

Honeini, 41, is charged with Controlled Substance – Delivery/Manufacture. The crime is a felony and carries a potential 7-year prison term.

According to Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith, Cloud 9 is a synthetic drug with deadly consequences much like K-2 or Spice. "For every underground chemist that creates a new designer drug, law enforcement will be there to intercept it."

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Earlier this year, Macomb County officials realized the danger that these synthetic drugs posed to the community. On September 24th, 2014, Macomb County Health Director William Ridella and County Executive Mark Hackel issued Emergency Order #2014-01.

The order makes a determination that products containing AB-Pinaca pose an imminent danger.

“Due to the public health threat posed by these compounds, the Sheriff’s Office actively pursued this case.”

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