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Media Release

Incident: Controlled substance related search warrant
Location: Mari's convenience store, 1210 E. Prathersville Road
Date & time: 6-26-12 @ 12:00 am (midnight)
Case Number: 12-3346

Details:

On the above date and time, near the close of business, the Sheriff's Department served a Boone County search warrant at Mari's convenience store, 1210 E. Prathersville Road.

About two years ago this convenience store started to devote a significant portion of its retail space to the sale of synthetic marijuana, bath salts, stimulant pills, and drug paraphernalia including smoking bongs, pipes, scales, grinders, and concealment containers. Recently, this store has been the scene of several burglaries and robberies believed to be related to the presence and sale of these items.

The active ingredient in the synthetic marijuana products is usually a liquid sprayed on one of several inert materials which is then smoked by the consumer.

The term "bath salts" has evolved into a generic name for a group of related synthetic hallucinogenic stimulants. Not truly related to or similar to real bath salts, these stimulants were originally packaged and labeled as "bath salts" and intended for human consumption. These products are also packaged and deceptively labeled as massage powder, pleasure powder, jewelry cleaner, and window cleaner.

A months long investigation revealed several of these products are believed to contain controlled substances or analogues of controlled substances as described in Missouri statutes. The Sheriff's Department believes that many of these synthetic drugs (especially the bath salt related substances) represent a significant threat to the quality of life and safety of the citizens of Boone County.

Evidence seized included a large quantity of substances being sold in the store believed to contain a controlled substance. This investigation is still active and ongoing.

The burglaries and robberies at the store are still being actively investigated and anyone with information should contact the Sheriff's Department or submit tips anonymously online at the

Sheriff's Department website at:
<https://www.boonecountymo.org/sheriff/contactFormTips.asp>.

All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Release date & time: 6-26-12 @ 2:00 am
Release authorized by: Sgt .Britt Shea