



# Neighborhood Watch News

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## GET RID OF UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

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The rate of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. has been increasing over the past several years. According to the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), an estimated 2.4 million Americans used prescription drugs non-medically for the first time within the past year. More than half were female and about one third were aged 12-17! Young people ages 12-25 years of age are especially vulnerable to misuse of prescription medication and the NSDUH shows that most obtain them from family and friends. The home medicine cabinet is often the point of access for many youth.



In an effort to prevent prescription drug abuse, your Sheriff's Office has participated in several "drug take-back" events over the last year. These events are sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration and provide a way for citizens to safely get rid of unwanted medications. These efforts make it less likely that prescription drugs will be used illegally.

To make it even more convenient for people to securely dispose of their prescription drugs year round, the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Beaverton Police Department, and the Sherwood Police Department have installed permanent drop boxes that are located in the lobby of each police station. The Sheriff's Office box is located at the Washington County Law Enforcement Center at 215 SW Adams Avenue, Hillsboro. The Beaverton and Sherwood Police drop boxes are located respectively at 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton and 20495 SW Borchers Drive, Sherwood.

### Acceptable items for deposit in the drop boxes are:

Prescription medications and samples, all over the counter medications, vitamins, pet medications, medicated ointments and liquid medication in leak proof containers.

### Items not acceptable for deposit:

Thermometers/Sharps/Syringes, IV bags, bloody infectious waste, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, inhalers, EpiPens and iodine.

### Helpful links:

<https://nsduhweb.rti.org/>

<http://www.dhhs.gov/>

<http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/index.html>

## HOW TO AVOID "WORK AT HOME" SCAMS

- **Know who you're dealing with.** The company may not be offering to employ you directly, only to sell you training and materials and to find customers for your work.
- **Don't believe that you can make big profits easily.** Operating a home-based business is just like any other business – it requires hard work, skill, good products or services, and time to make a profit.
- **Be cautious about emails offering work-at-home opportunities.** Many unsolicited emails are fraudulent.
- **Get all the details before you pay.** A legitimate company will be happy to give you information about exactly what you will be doing and for whom.
- **Find out if there is really a market for your work.** Claims that there are customers for work such as medical billing and craft making may not be true. If the company says it has customers waiting, ask who they are and contact them to confirm. You can also ask likely customers in your area (such as doctors for medical billing services) if they actually employ people to do that work from home.
- **Get references for other people who are doing the work.** Ask them if the company kept its promises.
- **Be aware of legal requirements.** To do some types of work, such as medical billing, you may need a license or certificate. Check with your state attorney general's office. Ask your local zoning board if there are any restrictions on operating a business from your home. Some types of work cannot be done at home under federal law. Look for the nearest U.S. Department of Labor in the government listings of your phone book.
- **Know the refund policy.** If you have to buy equipment or supplies, ask whether and under what circumstances you can return them for a refund.
- **Beware of the old "envelope stuffing" scheme.** In this classic scam, instead of getting materials to send out on behalf of a company, you get instructions to place an ad like the one you saw, asking people to send you money for information about working at home. This is an illegal pyramid scheme because there is no real product or service being offered. You won't get rich, and you could be prosecuted for fraud.
- **Be wary of offers to send you an "advance" on your "pay."** Some con artists use this ploy to build trust and get money from your bank. They send you a check for part of your first month's "pay." You deposit it, and the bank tells you the check has cleared because the normal time has passed to be notified that checks have bounced. Then the crook contacts you to say that you were mistakenly paid the wrong amount or that you need to return a portion of the payment for some other reason. After you send the money back, the check that you deposited finally bounces because it turned out to be an elaborate fake. Now the crooks have your payment, and you're left owing your bank the amount that you withdrew.
- **Do your own research about work-at-home opportunities.** The "Work-At-Home Sourcebook" and other resources that may be available in your local library provide good advice and lists of legitimate companies that hire people to work for them at home. You may discover that these companies hire only local people and that there is nothing available in your area.

 Internet Fraud Tips from the  
National Consumers League's Internet Fraud Watch

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Home Scams**



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## SYNTHETIC DRUGS



A few years ago, synthetic marijuana packaged as "incense" and several types of synthetic stimulants packaged as "bath salts" started to emerge and quickly became very popular with young people and those who wanted to get high but avoid having a positive test for illegal drug use. In this article we will discuss synthetic marijuana and next month, synthetic stimulants.

Initially these drugs were mostly legal but thanks to the Oregon Pharmacy board and the DEA, they are now becoming restricted.

They come in brightly colored packages with dozens of names like JWH-018, Cannabanoid, Spice, Texas Gold, Serenity Now, K2 Blonde, and many other names. Synthetic marijuana or "incense" as the package states, when smoked produces much the same effect as THC, the chemical in marijuana that causes one to feel high and euphoric. It is not THC, but rather a combination of chemicals that achieve the same result. The packaging clearly states, "Not for human consumption". Why would anyone want to ingest incense? The makers of these products put, "Not for human consumption", on the label to try to cover their liability if someone overdoses or becomes ill from these substances. There is however, no other purpose for them other than human consumption. They don't particularly smell good as incense.

So what's the danger in these products? Instead of smoking marijuana, many young people smoke synthetic marijuana that is cheaper, produces greater highs, doesn't show up in most standard drug tests, won't get you arrested, and may be perceived as safer than marijuana because it is sold in stores.

Availability is another problem. Since it is technically incense, it can be sold at convenience stores and gas stations, as well as on the Internet. This gives it a false appearance of legitimacy and safety. It also makes it more accessible for minors.

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## GO BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – JOIN THE CITIZENS ACADEMY



The Citizen Academy is part of Sheriff Pat Garrett's continuing effort to promote and preserve a safe community through quality service and citizen involvement. Sheriff Garrett sees a real value in helping develop citizen awareness and understanding of the role of law enforcement in our communities. The academy will allow citizens to receive an in-depth look into the many facets of the Sheriff's Office, and to understand our commitment to the motto "Conservators of the Peace."

The Citizen Academy is a 55 - hour training program that combines classroom and hands-on instruction. The classes give citizens an opportunity to observe the inner workings of their Sheriff's Office. Students are actively involved in many interesting activities such as using police equipment, participating in jail activities, and participating in several role-playing scenarios.

Sheriff's Office personnel from many departments explain and demonstrate the duties and responsibilities of their jobs. Participants will tour the Sheriff's Office, and other criminal justice facilities, as part of the academy and, because the academy is an interactive program, student's questions and comments are encouraged throughout.

Some of the topics covered in the academy include Officer Selection and Training, various duties within the Sheriff's Office, Patrol Operations, Investigations, Tactical Operations, Use of Firearms, Jail Operations, Narcotics, Crime Scene Investigations, Canine, and the Traffic Safety Unit.

The next Citizen Academy begins Tuesday March 27, 2012, and runs through May 29, 2012. Tuesday evening from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm, with three weekend classes during each session. Classes are typically held in the training rooms at the Sheriff's Office, which is located at 215 SW Adams Avenue in Hillsboro.

To be eligible, participants must be at least 18 years of age and live in Washington County. They must also attend at least ten of the twelve classes offered to qualify for graduation. Each academy is limited to 40 students, so please check your schedules carefully before applying for the course.



If you would like more information about the Sheriff's Office Citizen Academy, please contact Darlene Schnoor at (503) 846-2774 or by email at [darlene\\_schnoor@co.washington.or.us](mailto:darlene_schnoor@co.washington.or.us). Applications for the academy are available on line or at the Sheriff's Office, which is located at 215 SW Adams Avenue in Hillsboro or at our East Precinct, which is located at 3700 SW Murray Boulevard in Beaverton.

Graduates of the Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy will not be Deputies or Reserve Deputies. They will however be better informed citizens and will hopefully share their new-found knowledge with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.



## SYNTHETIC DRUGS - CONTINUED

Outlawing it is difficult because manufacturers simply change the composition slightly and have a new, and once again legal, product. Since it is supposedly incense, no one is monitoring the chemicals being used. Known to cause seizures, erratic to violent behavior and even death, synthetic drug incidents are climbing rapidly in the United States, and other countries. According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, in 2011 synthetic drug calls skyrocketed by an alarming 2,000 percent in the nation. The surge in activity and synthetic drug incidents caused the Drug Enforcement Agency to take emergency measures in 2011 to outlaw five chemicals found in synthetic marijuana, categorizing them with cocaine and heroin. A bill entitled the Synthetic Drug Control Act is currently awaiting action by the Senate to give the DEA more authority to put temporary bans on substances as they emerge.

Our part as parents, grandparents, teachers, and society in general is to start talking to our children more about the dangers of any substance that they ingest. It's not enough to teach them to "just say no". We have to understand the allure of drugs and synthetic drugs on our kids and educate them about the dangers. We have to teach them that just because it's not illegal doesn't mean it's not harmful. And we have to recognize that the children at stake here are our nieces and nephews, friends and neighbor's kids, our grandchildren and our own kids.

# Burglaries – Unincorporated Washington County December 15, 2011 – January 15, 2012

## Residential Burglaries – No Force

19000 SW BONNIE MEADOW LN	97006
5700 NW LARK MEADOW TER	97229
18000 SW COOPER MOUNTAIN LN	97007
15000 SW 141ST AVE	97224
15000 NW TRANQUILITY DR	97106
13000 SW OAKWOOD ST	97005
2400 SW ROXBURY AVE	97225
32000 NW HWY 47	97109
21000 NW DAIRY CREEK RD	97133
51000 NW STRASSEL RD	97106
19000 NW ROCK CREEK BLVD	97229
17000 SW WHITETAIL LN	97007

## Business Burglaries – Force

3500 SW 185TH AVE	97006
7500 SW BARNES RD	97225

## Business Burglaries – No Force

4400 SW 110TH AVE	97005
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## Residential Burglaries – Force

8100 SW BARNES RD	97225
6600 SW BARNES RD	97225
10000 SW 67TH PL	97225
4300 SW 170TH AVE	97007
2900 SW 113TH AVE	97005
3100 SW 209TH AVE	97006
17000 SW NEUGEBAUER RD	97123
17000 NW BRUGGER RD	97229
19000 NW MAHAMA WAY	97229
4100 SW 209TH AVE	97007
52000 NW HAYWARD RD	97125

## Attempted Burglaries – Residential & Business

10000 SW HIGH LN	97119
1200 SW 213TH AVE	97006
8200 SW BARNES RD	97225
3300 SW MALCOLM CT	97225
15000 SW CHARDONNAY AVE	97224
2400 SW 218TH DR	97006
17000 SW MERLO RD	97006
3900 SW 170TH AVE	97007

## Unspecified Burglaries

### Residential & Business

49000 NW HILLSIDE RD	97116
50000 NW HILLSIDE RD	97116
4000 SW 102ND AVE	97005
5100 SW SCHOLLS FERRY RD	97225
19000 SW KINNAMAN RD	97007
30000 SW FARMINGTON RD	97123
15000 NW CENTRAL DR	97229
15000 NW CENTRAL DR	97229
15000 NW CENTRAL DR	97229
16000 NW PARSON RD	97116
54000 SW PATTON VALLEY RD	97119
16000 SW COLYER WAY	97224
2200 NW 135TH AVE	97229
1600 NW BRIDGEWAY LN	97006
10000 NW HWY 47	97116

Of the 49 burglaries reported in this 30-day period, criminals gained entrance to 13 (27%) of these properties without the use of force. There were 8 attempted burglaries reported. We round addresses to the nearest hundred block.

Due to printing deadlines, some burglaries may not be on this list.

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