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President's message

Hello all, it is hard to believe this year is almost over. This is the time of year when we offer thanks for the military and our veterans. We also have Thanksgiving just around the corner. Are you not feeling thankful? Are you frustrated with the crazy drivers that are on the roads with you? Be thankful that you have a vehicle that gets you where you want to go. Frustrated with running over 100% to try and keep up with your duties? Be glad you have a job to pay your bills and occupy your time. Frustrated with the new requirements such as selling firearms or providing a receipt to persons who have had items taken by your department? I think we all are frustrated and if you have any ideas on how to solve these issues, please let anyone on the Legislative Committee or me know what your thoughts are. Hopefully we can find an idea that we can use to persuade the Arizona Legislature to fix the problems they have created for us. One of the values of an association is we can tap the ideas of many people and use our power of numbers to sway our legislative representatives.

I think that in addition to showing our thanks for what we have, we should find ways to help those less fortunate. Does your department donate usable clothes to a charity? Do you donate bikes to agencies that repair and donate them to people for the holidays or for transportation? Do you donate glasses to places like the Lion's Club that pass them on to those in need? What about cell phones to companies that can reprogram them for use by battered women's shelters? If you donate items, please forward the information to me and we will put together a list. This is one way our association and agencies can benefit those who are in need.

These are just some ideas to consider, but most of all I want to wish you a wonderful holiday season!

Bob

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Integrity *is what people do when no one else is looking.*

It is total commitment to honesty in every aspect of a person's life.

Integrity goes to the core of conduct, what people believe in their heart of hearts. It cannot be bought, claimed, or bestowed. It does not come with office, title, or appointment. It simply exists.

The person who has integrity rarely claims it.

The person who claims it rarely has it.

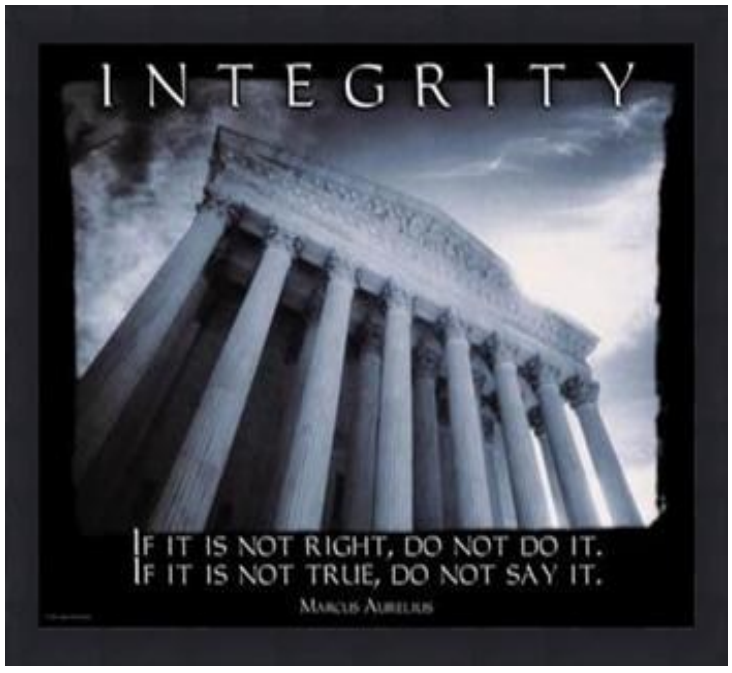
Integrity is best manifested quietly in day-to-day living and in the workplace.

It cannot be stolen or taken away; however, it can be lost.

Integrity is more valuable than riches, awards, or world acclaim.

It should be treasured above all things, for after integrity comes decency, honor, trust, and principle.

Mr. Jere Joiner, retired captain, Shreveport, Louisiana, Police Department—FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin



The Winter quarterly meeting will be held at:

PEORIA CITY HALL

8401 W Monroe St.
Peoria, AZ 85345
Wednesday,
December 11, 2013
Refreshments 9-10am
Meeting Starts @ 10am

Editor's Ramblings

I want to take this opportunity to say thanks. Thanks to my Family, Friends, Co-workers, and Associates.
I appreciate all that they do and help improve my way of living and thinking.
I want to wish all a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. Enjoy the time with your family members and ensure their well being.
As a New Year approaches I'm sure resolutions will be made. Be sure to set true goals both in work and in life. Don't sweat the small stuff and take it for what it's worth.
Be happy and know that you have a career that is unique and forever one that will always be needed. Stay away from the temptations, because I do not want to be putting your name in the headline news (ha ha).
Take care and together we will do great things,

Jason M.
El Mirage P.D.

If you have a topic that you would like to have discussed or have articles you would like to submit, please send to:

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Local News

Tempe Police have arrested one of their own. On Saturday, Aaron Smith was arrested by Tempe Police detectives on several charges, including theft, burglary, and tampering with physical evidence, In early July, Tempe Police employees began noticing that several items of police property had gone missing. The items included two Tempe Police bicycles, a GPS, and money.

On July 20, it was discovered that someone had forced their way into a small lock box and taken approximately $750 in cash.

During the course of the investigation, authorities noticed that Smith had access to all the areas where the items were taken. His shifts also coincided with the time of the thefts. On July 26, an undercover officer turned over a purse containing $142 to Smith and told him it was found property. Police decided to take Smith into custody on Saturday morning when he had yet to take any steps to impound the money or purse.

Many of the stolen items were eventually found to be in Smith's possession. In a post-arrest interview Smith admitted to the crimes, explaining that hje had been in very bad financial shape.

Smith had been with the Tempe Police Department for seven and a half years.

Following his arrest he resigned from his position.

By Andrew Michalscheck—azfamily.com

More than 200 pounds of marijuana was seized this week after an ultra-light plane was observed flying into the United States from Mexico.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said agents at the Douglas Border Patrol station were notified Tuesday morning after the Office of Air and Marine noticed a possible ultra-light aircraft in the area.

Using remote video surveillance cameras, agents were able to locate the aircraft as it made its way across the boarder.

Agents followed the aircraft as it travelled north for several miles and then dropped what appeared to be several bundles of narcotics near McNeal.

The aircraft then returned to Mexico.

Agents searched the area and found a total of nine bundles of marijuana weighing 210 pounds.

By Andrew Michalscheck—azfamily.com

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Our Daily Bread

Beans, slaw, hush puppies, corn bread… they all go great with barbecue. But as *Man v. Food's* Adam Richman said, "Nothin' goes better with beef than beef!"

Best BBQ Coleslaw

Combine 2 (10-oz) packages of shredded cabbage with 1 shredded carrot. Whisk together: 1/2 c sugar, 1/2 tsp salt, 1/8 tsp pepper, 1/2 c mayo, 1/4 c milk, 1/4 c buttermilk, 2 1/2 T lemon juice, 1 1/2 T white vinegar. Pour over veggies. Cover and chill at least 2 hours. – www.southerliving.com

Candy Cane Fudge

Ingredients:
2 (10 ounce) packages vanilla baking chips
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
1 1/2 cups crushed candy canes
1 dash red or green food coloring

Directions:
1. Line an 8in square baking pan with aluminum foil and grease the foil.
2. Combine the vanilla chips and sweetened condensed milk in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir ffrequently until almost melted, remove from heat and continue to stir until smooth. When chips are completely melted, stir in the peppermint extract, food coloring, and candy canes.
3. Spread evenly in the bottom of the prepared pan. Chill for 2 hours, then cut into squares.

http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Candy-Cane-Fudge/Detail.aspx

World Wide Web Resources

HB2371 AAPE Sponsored bill on unclaimed property:
http://www.azleg.gov/DocumentsForBill.asp?Bill_Number=2371&Session_Id=107
Department of Health Services comments on medical marijuana:
http://www.azdhs.gov/prop203/

Find your state legislator, or what district you live in:
www.azleg.gov
And click on "How do I Find My Legislators".

Find Arizona Revised Statutes at :
http://www.azleg.state.az.us/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp

Find City Municipal Codes at :
www.municode.com/library/clientlisting.aspx?stateid=3

Find the Arizona Association for Property & Evidence at: http://208.106.133.174/

Find the International Association of Property & Evidence at: http://www.iape.org

Find the Arizona State Retirement System at:
www.azasrs.gov

Find the Arizona Public Safety Retirement System at:
http://www.psprs.com/

Arizona Emergency Information Network
http://www.azein.gov/azein/default.aspx

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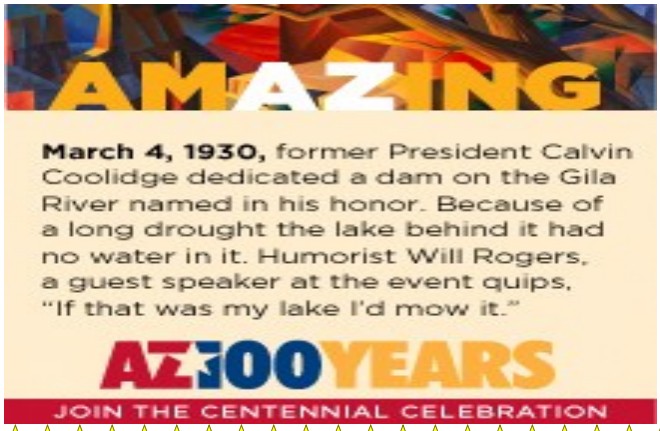

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Apron Expressions -

PETA: People Eating Tasty Animals

Competition 'Que: Real Team Names -

"Grillas in the Mist" "Piggin' & Grinnin'"

"This is How We Que It"

Patton On Leadership:

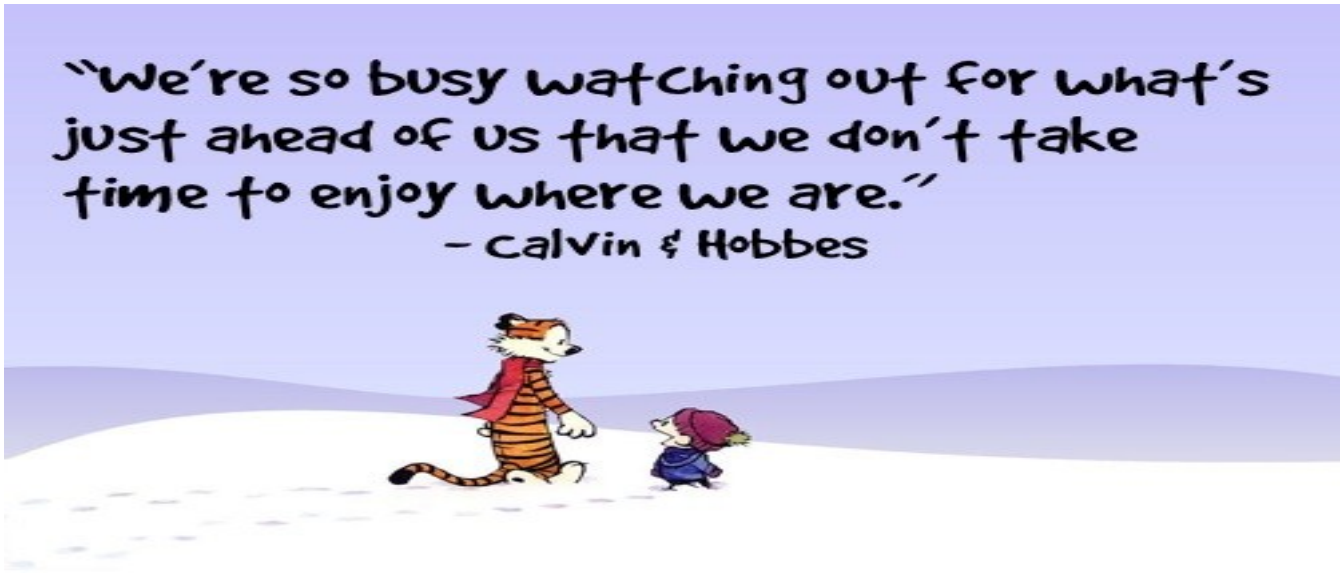
#11. Defeat Is Self-Defeat—

You are not beaten until you admit it. Hence Don't.

- Inscribed in Patton's field notebook

Unfortunately, you will probably never lack for naysayers to tell you that all is lost or that you are beaten. Why join that chorus? Exhaust all alternatives. Victory and defeat are rarely absolutes. There is a whole spectrum of degree between these two extremes. Don't be in a hurry to call that gray area black. You gain nothing by speeding to such a conclusion.

Based on the best-selling book by Alan Axelrod: *Patton on Leadership: Strategic Lessons For Corporate Warfare*



Fortune Cookie Sayings:
Some Fortune Cookies contain no fortunes.

Arizona Medical Marijuana Act
Prop. 203 - ARS 36-2801
State of Arizona v. Valerie Ann Okun.

An interesting read in the latest findings concerning the Arizona Medical Marijuana Act (AMMA).

Brief summary of the case:

Valerie Okun was stopped by local authorities (Yuma County Sherriff's Office) near Yuma, AZ. Items of contraband and marijuana were seized resulting in charges for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Charges were later dropped after Valerie Okun produced proof that she was allowed to possess the marijuana for medical purposes under the Arizona State law.

Due to the dropped charges she was asking for the marijuana to be returned, however the Yuma County Sheriff would not return the drug without the risk and violation of the federal Controlled Substance Act.

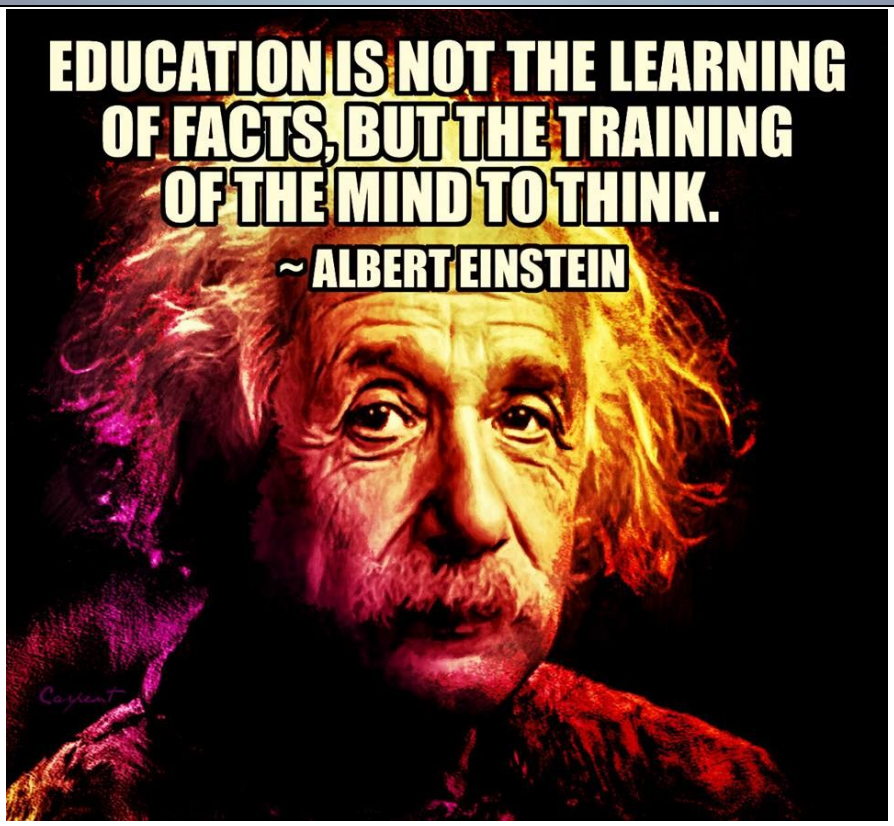
As you can imagine much debate resulted from points and counterpoints with in the interpretations of the AMMA and that of the federal Controlled Substance Act. Key issues were addressed such as immunity of the Sheriff from federal prosecution for complying with the Superior Court. Another issue that came about was the fact that she possessed hashish along with the "medical marijuana" and a California-issued identification card that permitted her to posses an allowable amount of marijuana in Arizona.

All in all the Court's ruling was that the Sheriff was ordered to return the marijuana based on the facts of the case that was presented to them.

http://azcourts.gov/Portals/0/OpinionFiles/Div1/2013/1%20CA-CV%2012-0094.pdf

As you can imagine this topic will forever haunt the Property and Evidence Departments through out the state of Arizona. We all have our beliefs and as we can see there is much debate.

Jason M.- El Mirage P.D.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

For something to be CODIS eligible, we have to determine that 1) the item came from and is related to the crime scene and 2) that the DNA likely to be found on the item comes from the suspect in the case. If the item may have DNA from the victim or someone else who reasonably would have their DNA on the item, then we need exclusionary standards for that person/those people. The bottom line is that we have to defend whatever we put into CODIS as reasonably being related to the crime and potentially coming from the perpetrator of the crime. If we cannot establish one or both of these criteria, then DNA from the item is not CODIS eligible.

Two examples for a cigarette butt -

1) A cigarette butt is found on the sidewalk outside a home that is burglarized - this would NOT be eligible, because the butt could have come from anywhere and anyone

2) a cigarette butt is found inside the home that is burglarized - this WOULD be elgibile, because it is reasonable to assume that the butt could ONLY have been left by the perpetrator (assuming the victim is a non-smoker)

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A Good Night's Sleep

Long an afterthought in the public health community, the importance of sleep is rapidly gaining recognition as a key driver of wellbeing. Lack of sleep is now associated with a host of hazards and maladies including reckless driving and chronic illness. Here are some tips to ensure you get the proper amount of rest you need to maintain good health:

1. Go to bed and wake up at the same time each day.
2. Avoid caffeine and nicotine after noon.
3. Avoid large meals and alcohol right before bedtime.
4. Relax before bed with a book or with music. No electronic screens!
5. Exercise is great, but no later than two to three hours before bed.
6. Make sure your bedroom is a quiet, dark and relaxing environment, and is neither too hot nor too cold.
7. Don't lie in bed awake longer than 20 minutes. The anxiety of being awake can make it harder to fall asleep. Instead, get up and do a relaxing activity until you get tired.

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DID YOU KNOW
Lung cancer causes more deaths than the next three most common cancers (colon, breast and prostate) combined.

LUNG CANCER RISK AWARENESS

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death and the second-most diagnosed cancer in both men and women in the United States. Lung cancer begins in the lungs and may spread to lymph nodes or other organs in the body, such as the brain. Cancer may also spread from other organs to the lungs.
Because there are very few nerve endings in the lungs, many people with lung cancer do not show symptoms until the disease is in its later stages.
There are two main types of lung cancer: small cell and non-small cell. Non-small cell lung cancer makes up about 80 percent of cases and spreads to other parts of the body more slowly than small-cell lung cancer does. Small-cell lung cancer is almost always associated with smoking.
Cigarette smoking is the number one risk factor for lung cancer. The lifetime risk of lung cancer in non-smokers is very small. Not smoking is the single best thing you can do to avoid lung cancer
To further minimize your risk of developing lung cancer, test your home for radon and your workplace for industrial compounds. Also be sure to avoid air pollution whenever possible.

Police concern grows as flesh-eating drug continues to spread

Police worry that because the drug is cheap and easy to make, it could put officers and first responders at great risk.

By Darla Hernandez WSBT

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The images look like something out of a horror movie. Rotting flesh and open sores, this terrible drug is called Desomorphine, commonly known as "Krokodil" or "Krok."

South Bend police worry that because the drug is a lot cheaper than heroin and easy to make, it could put officers and first responders at great risk.

"These individuals that come in contact daily with law enforcement have a raging case of MRSA a lot of times too, so we are going to have a big health threat to officers if this really takes off," said South Bend Police Capt. Phil Trent.

http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/police-scramble-to-keep-flesheating-drug-out-of-michiana/-/21046398/22495196/-/109pbfp/-/index.html

(Editor's Note: How often do we protect ourselves from possible harm? Simple protection by wearing latex gloves)

A Booming Black Market

Cross-border organized crime is big business, worth about $2.1 trillion per year, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC), equivalent to 3.5 percent of world GDP in 2009. That's more than six times the world's development aid budget for that year, and equivalent to about 7 percent of global exports of merchandise.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, trafficking illegal drugs is the most lucrative form of illicit business, constituting about half of all proceeds from transnational organized crime. However, plenty of money is also being made from less high-profile enterprises, such as smuggling natural resources such as timber, oil and gold and other precious metals.

Fake Medications

Fraudulent medicines represent a potentially deadly threat for consumers, particularly those in Southeast Asia and Africa, with billions of dose units in fake drugs sold every year.

"Treatment with ineffective counterfeit drugs such as antibiotics can lead to the emergence of resistant organisms and may have a deleterious effect on a wide section of the population. In extreme cases, counterfeit drugs may even cause death," the World Health Organization warns on its website.

Medicine counterfeiters have piggybacked on the rising trade in legitimate pharmaceuticals from Asia to other developing regions. The traffic in counterfeit medicines from Asia now amounts to about $1.6 billion (the value at destination), according to UNODC.

From a criminal perspective, producing counterfeit drugs does not require huge infrastructure or facilities, and the demand is almost infinite.

Medicines also are high-value items in relation to their production cost, particularly when cheap substitute ingredients are used. WHO research conducted in 1999-2000 found that nearly one-third of fraudulent drugs contained no active ingredients, one-fifth had the incorrect quantity of active ingredients and another fifth contained entirely wrong ingredients.

http://money.msn.com/investing/the-worlds-most-lucrative-crimes

HASH OIL MANUFACTURING BRINGS EXPLOSIVE CONCERNS

When firefighters arrived at an east Santa Rosa apartment last week, they found telltale signs of a troubling drug trend: a charred kitchen floor, a plastic tube full of marijuana and a can of highly flammable butane gas.

Though hash oil, a potent cannabis derivative, has been around for millennia, it is experiencing a renaissance thanks to magazine articles and online videos, some of which tout an unsafe manufacturing process that has caused a number of explosions in homes throughout the North Coast and around the country.

Dave McCullick, vice president of Santa Rosa pot dispensary Sonoma Patient Group, extolled the virtues of hash oil, a drug whose legal status in California is murky. But he said it must be produced safely.

"The manufacturing is the part where people need to get educated," McCullick said. "It would have a lot more support if it wasn't made in a dangerous way."

When it comes to hash oil, McCullick is a bit of a connoisseur. He said his dispensary only sells top-shelf hash oil made by the safest methods.

The only acceptable way to make the golden brown waxy chunks of hash oil — also known as honey oil, shatter or dabs — is with an expensive extracting machine that uses carbon dioxide, McCullick said.

Two Santa Rosa men were arrested Wednesday night after a butane hash oil accident sparked an explosion that nearly torched a kitchen and left one with third degree burns.

"This process is extremely volatile," said Santa Rosa Fire battalion chief Mark Basque, who responded to Wednesday's fire. "It creates a flammable or explosive atmosphere."

Dozens of fires in California have been linked to hash oil making, including at least three in Santa Rosa in the past six months.

In a mid-July explosion, a 31-year-old Santa Rosa man who was trying to produce hash oil suffered life-threatening burns that covered more than half his body. A Petaluma teen suffered burns to his face in a hash oil accident in March.

The hazard has become so pervasive that the Federal Emergency Management Agency issued a warning to first responders about hash oil explosions.

"The extraction method appears to be more common on the West Coast; reported fires and explosions have blown out windows, walls and caused numerous burn injuries," the statement said. "In states with legalized use and availability of medical marijuana, these incidents appear to be increasing."

In some states including California, the legality of the actual production process is still in debate, the memo said.

The process involves packing loose marijuana leaves, or shake, into a metal or plastic tube then blasting it with butane, a highly flammable gas that strips the plant of its oils. The butane is then burned off leaving a hard, sticky gel that is loaded with THC, the drug found in cannabis.

"It's a highly concentrated form of THC," said Sgt. Chad Heiser, who runs the Santa Rosa Police narcotics unit. "It's a more concentrated hit. It will get you a lot higher."

The THC content in hash oil is upward of 80 percent compared with 25 percent of quality marijuana, McCullick said.

It is typically smoked out of a modified water pipe by placing a small chunk or "dab" on a nail or other sharp object then touching it to a superheated surface of the pipe where it vaporizes and the smoke is inhaled.

Manufacturing hash oil is illegal, even for medical marijuana patients, Heiser said. The going rate for the drug is double the price of pot, and it is selling for $35 per gram at Santa Rosa dispensaries.

"It is all about money, as with other risky things," said Denny Hutton, professor of alcohol and drug studies at Santa Rosa Junior College. "In a lot of these cases, it's people who are not well off and they are trying to make some extra money."

Cases involving hash oil production are becoming more prevalent, Heiser said. In November, Santa Rosa police busted an operation that had 30 to 40 distilling tubes. More common, however, is the amateur do-it-yourselfer who got the idea online.

"Typically, it's Joe Shmoe that has never done it before, finds directions on YouTube and has an accident," Heiser said. "It's a very dangerous process."

In Wednesday's accident at an East Santa Rosa apartment, Rex Wilkins, 22, and Jimmy Phillips, 28, were arrested on suspicion of manufacturing a controlled substance. They learned about butane hash oil making from a video posted on YouTube, said a friend of one of the suspects, who asked to remain anonymous.

"You can find anything on YouTube, but that doesn't mean you should try it," the friend said. "Stupidity can lead to consequences."

Thanks to Mary Alinen (Sierra Vista PD) for this article.

http://m.pressdemocrat.com/articles/130811-799bdf4690.html

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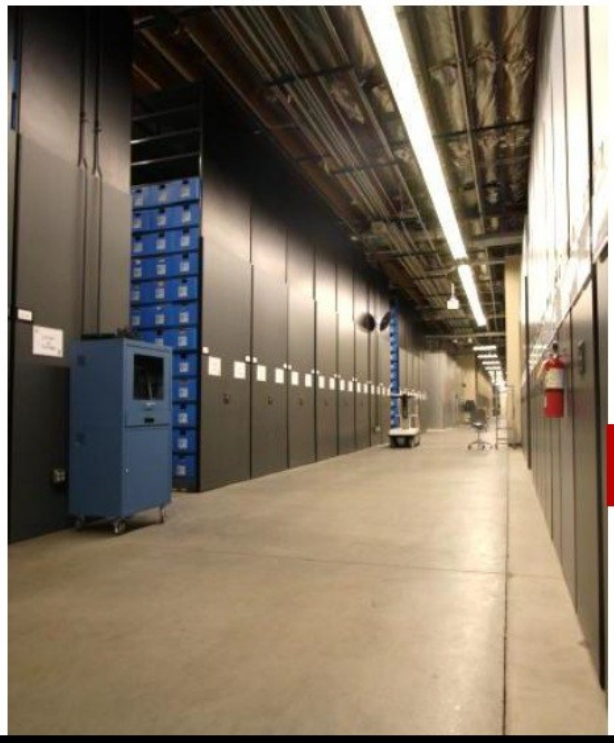

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The 2010 Seminar coins are bright copper and the back is the Yavapai County Courthouse.

The front is the same as the Association Coin.

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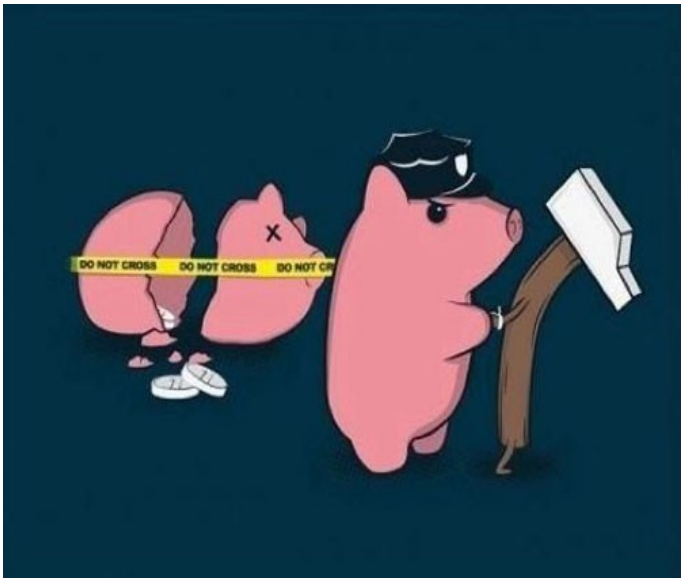

Quotable Quote:

"How did it get so late so soon?
Its night before its afternoon.
December is here before its June.
My goodness how time has flewn.
How did it get so late so soon?"

- Dr. Seuss

Did You Know?

December comes from the Latin word decem which means ten. It was originally the tenth month of the year in the Roman calendar which began in March. When January and February were added to the Roman calendar, December became the twelfth month of the Gregorian calendar.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 7th—Pearl Harbor Day
December 12th—Poinsettia Day
December 21st– Humbug Day
December 24th—Christmas Eve
December 25th—Christmas Day
December 31st —Make up Your Mind Day
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Please see our webpage for current rates.

Call any AAPE board member to reserve your advertisement in the next edition of the newsletter.

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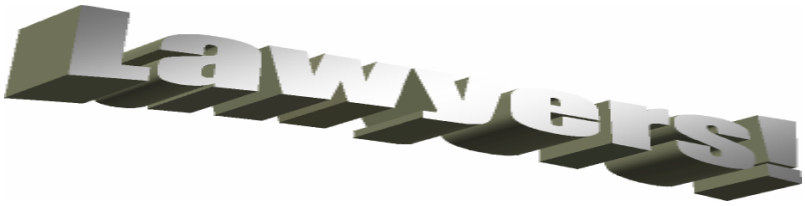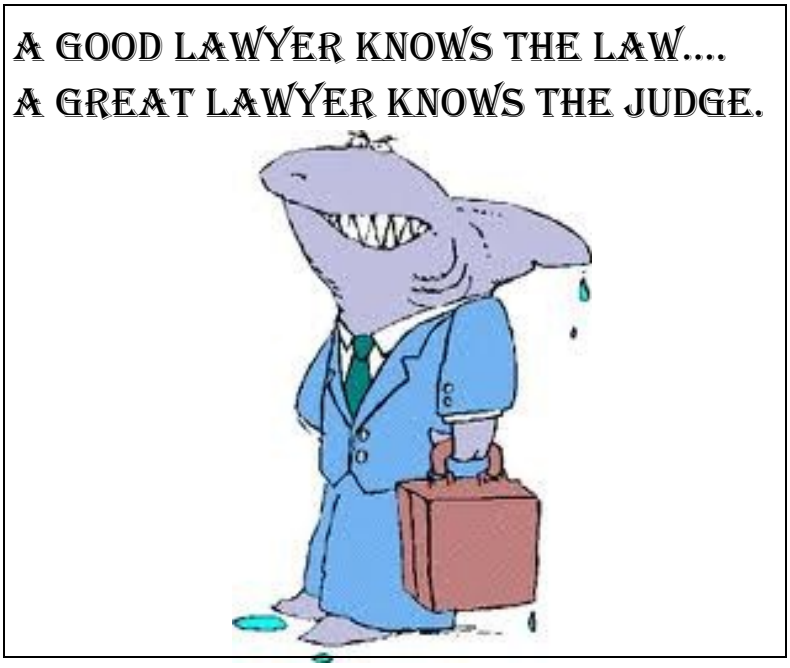
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