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St. Clair County Issues Imminent Danger Order

Annette Mercatante, MD, MPH, Medical Health Officer for the St. Clair County Health Department has issued an "Imminent Danger Order" (*Emergency Order 2012-01*) in St. Clair County that prohibits the sale and distribution of synthetic marijuana (aka: K2, Spice, etc) and Bath Salts (aka: White Rush, Vanilla Sky, etc). This order declares that an imminent danger to the health or lives of individuals exists in St. Clair County. This order covers all synthetic cannabinoids, all substances known as "synthetic marijuana" and covers all chemicals in the cathinone family of stimulants and substances known as "bath salts".

The St. Clair County Sheriff's Department is assisting us by visiting businesses and advising them of this order, but the products are to be removed by the store owners. We will **NOT** be confiscating any drugs nor storing them (nor will the sheriff's department). Calls to report or file complaints of retailers selling these drugs should be sent to St. Clair County Health Department's Environmental Health Division @ (810)987-5306.

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