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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL SUES CONVENIENCE STORE FOR “SPICE” SALES**

**DENVER** – Colorado Attorney General Suthers announced today that the [Consumer Protection Section](#) of his office filed a civil lawsuit against Paymon’s Market, Inc., an Aurora convenience store, for selling synthetic cannabinoids, commonly referred to as “spice.” Defendants Rhamatollah Ghamari (D.O.B. 04/21/85) and Paymon Elliott Ghamari (D.O.B. 09/01/52) owned and operated the store and sold spice products with deceptive labeling that failed to warn consumers that the contents contained dangerous and illegal synthetic cannabinoids. The labeling on Paymon’s spice products contained misleading statements such as: “No Banned Chemical,” “It’s Legal”, “100% Cannabinoid Free,” and “DEA Compliant,” which is illegal under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act.

“Nationally, eight percent of high-school seniors say they have used some type of so-called synthetic marijuana in the last year,” said Suthers. “Paymon marketed these spice products as safe and legal when in fact they are very dangerous as well as illegal,” Suthers warned.

A joint undercover investigation carried out by the [Aurora Police Department](#) and the [Colorado Department of Revenue](#) in July 2013 resulted in the removal of 1,181 packages of spice from Paymon’s. Paymon’s sold a variety of different spice products including “Crazy Monkey,” “Mad Monkey,” “Sexy Monkey,” and “iBlown,” as well as unlabeled packages of spice products.

The [Colorado Bureau of Investigations](#) analyzed five samples of the spice products sold by Paymon’s. All five spice products contained illegal synthetic cannabinoids. Two of the products contained AB-PINACA, a chemical analog of APINACA and a suspected cause of the synthetic cannabinoid outbreak. The APINACA analogs are the latest types of synthetic cannabinoids being used in spice products and forensic lab agents have only recently been able to identify them.

This case was file with the Arapahoe District Court.

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