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PAYMON'S MARKET AGREES TO PAY \$100,000 FOR SELLING SPICE PRODUCTS

DENVER – The Colorado Attorney General's Office is announcing the successful outcome of a [lawsuit brought earlier this year against Paymon's Market](#), Inc. for selling "spice," a synthetic cannabinoid. Rahmatollah Ghamari, owner of the convenience store agreed to pay \$100,000 to settle the case.

"This settlement is another positive step in our effort to stop the open sale of 'spice' in Colorado stores," said Attorney General-Elect Cynthia Coffman. "It is important that the public continue to be educated on the fact that these products are both illegal and extremely dangerous."

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. Because Rahmatollah Ghamari is financially unable to pay the full amount, he will pay \$15,000 up front, and then \$15,000 over a four-year period.

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 samples of the spice products sold by Paymon's and found that they all contained illegal synthetic cannabinoids.

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