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To Hernando County Retailers,

On Wednesday, January 26, 2011, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi enacted Emergency Rule 2ER11-1 to prohibit the sale, distribution, purchase, or possession of psychoactive substances referred to as "bath salts." The bath salts are marketed under the names of "Vanilla Sky," "Ivory Wave," "Ocean Burt," "Blast," etc. These items are now illegal in the State of Florida and it is a felony to sell or possess them.

The following is a summary of the ruling:

Under the authority of Section 893.05, Florida Statutes, the substances 3,4 – Methylenedioxyamphetaminone (Mephedrone), 3,4 – Methylenedioxypropylone (MDPV), 4 – Methylenedioxypropylone (Mephedrone), 3 – Methoxyamphetaminone, 3 – Fluoromethcathinone, and 4 – Fluoromethcathinone, are being added to Schedule I, Subsection 893.03(1), F.S.

This letter is intended to familiarize Hernando County business owners with the new ruling. The Hernando County Sheriff's Office will be working to ensure compliance with this statute and will pursue appropriate criminal charges on subjects found to be violating the provisions of this statute.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Al Nienhuis".

Al Nienhuis
Sheriff

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