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DATE: 07/25/2012

NATURE OF INCIDENT: DPD Assists Federal Authorities Execute Search Warrant

CASE NO.: 12140544

INCIDENT DATE :07/25/2012 INCIDENT TIME: 11:33 AM

INCIDENT LOCATION: Last Place on Earth, 120 East Superior Street SUBJECT: DPD Assists Federal Authorities Execute Search Warrant BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen (218) 390-2232

For the last 16 months problems with synthetic drugs and the behaviors around the Last Place on Earth downtown has been a major concern for our citizens, business community and the police department. It has had a devastating impact on the surrounding businesses and the perception of Old Downtown. In addition, we have seen a big increase in the number of police calls around the business and for incidents involving those using synthetic drugs.

Our federal partners and DPD executed a search warrant at Last Place today as part of the continuing investigation. We will remain focused on this ever evolving nuisance until the problem has been eradicated, however we cannot talk further about it as this investigation is continuing.

You can also try the Public Information Officer Jeanne Cooney at the US Attorney's office, Cooney@usdoj.gov or (612) 664-5611.