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# WESTERN COLORADO DRUG TASK FORCE

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The Western Colorado Drug Task Force is a partnership established in the early 1980's between the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration, the Grand Junction Police Department and the Mesa County Sheriff's Office. The Task Force is designed to fight the battles of drugs on the frontlines and other crimes that go with dealing and using drugs. Grand Junction Police Chief John Camper and Mesa County Sheriff Stan Hilkey agree that this Task Force is effective and nationally competitive in the law enforcement field when it comes to knowledge, experience and team work. The Drug Task Force provides a refined level of service to the law abiding citizens of Mesa County and across the Western Slope.

> Western Colorado Drug Task Force Leadership:

> > Sgt. Gary Marak, GJPD Sgt. Henry Stoffel, MCSO RAC, Jim Schrant, DEA

# ARREST NETS SYNTHETIC DRUG

Drug mirrors LSD effects, easily overdosed

Mesa County, Colo. — Overnight Drug Task Force officers arrested one adult male for selling and possessing third generation synthetic drugs, with side effects that mirror LSD. Parents should be aware that a new synthetic drug, which was recently highlighted through our Safe Kids Mesa County program, is being used in our area.

The synthetic drug is known as 25c or 25i, and may mimic ecstasy and/or LSD, with side effects that include scrambled communication, paranoia, insomnia, confusion, difficulty focusing, anxiety, hallucination and more. Because the drug is consumed in micrograms, the dosage is extremely difficult to measure accurately. (Think of a postage stamp with 6 doses of this drug making up the size of one stamp.) The effects come on quickly and can easily over power an experienced user, to include easily overdosing on this drug.

To get more information about this drug and see pictures of what sheets of this drug may look like, visit our website: <a href="www.safekidsamerica.org">www.safekidsamerica.org</a>. Choose PARENT ADVISER from the top center menu and the APRIL NEWSLETTER.

For more information on the arrest of Joseph Bounds, 25, of Clifton, see his attached booking affidavit. A booking photo of Bounds is also attached, and you can request a jpeg photo by emailing: Heather.Benjamin@mesacounty.us. Bounds is currently being held in the

Mesa County Detention Facility with no bond. However, bond updates can be accessed via the Sheriff's Office website:

<u>www.sheriff.mesacounty.us</u>, click on 'Inmate Information' in the Popular Pages section of the lower center part of our website.

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, of the <u>Mesa County Sheriff's Office</u> \_\_ a Colorado peace officer, being duly sworn and under oath states that probable cause exists for warrantless arrest of the person named below, and that the following facts are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and support the arrest of the defendant. All locations are in Mesa County, State of Colorado unless otherwise noted. Name of person arrested: BOUNDS, JOSEPH EUGENE DOB: 02/09/1988 Race: WHITE Sex: MALE Weight: 176 Height: 6' 2 Hair: BRO - BROWN Eyes: BLU - BLUE Date of arrest: 04/11/2013 Time: 23:30 Place of arrest: 532 34 RD, A, CLIFTON, CO, 81520 Victim: STATE OF COLORADO, DOB: Race: Sex: Weight: Height: Hair: Eyes: Phone: Victim: DOB: Race: Sex: Weight: Height: Hair: Eyes: Phone: Date/Time Statute Code CCCounts 04/11/2013 23:30 18-18-403.5 (2)(B)(I) F6 35A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - UNLAWFUL POSSESSION - WEIGHING 2 GR OR LESS/CONTAINS METH 18-18-405(2)(a)(I)(A) F3 35A UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION, MANUFACTURING, DISPENSING, SALE OR POSSESSION 04/11/2013 23:30 18-18-407(1) F2 35A **SPECIAL OFFENDER** 04/11/2013 23:30 18-12-102(3) F5 520 POSSESSING A DANGEROUS OR ILLEGAL WEAPON 04/11/2013 23:30 18-18-428(2) PO2 35B POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA 04/11/2013 23:30 18-18-405(2)(a)(I)(A) F3 35A UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION, MANUFACTURING, DISPENSING, SALE OR POSSESSION

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Within the last 72 hours Inv. and I contacted confidential informant who will be referred to as CI. During an interview with the CI he/she advised they could arrange the purchase of a synthetic drug called 25C-NBOMe. I asked the CI what effects this drug had. The CI described the effects of the drug as a hallucinogen. The CI advised it is commonly referred to as "acid." Based on the CI referring to the drug as "acid" I believed the drug was possibly being purported as LSD, as "acid" is a common street name for LSD. The CI advised there is two types of this sythetic drug. One is 25I-NBOMe and the other is 25C-NBOMe.

The CI advised he/she purchases the synthetic drug on perforated sheets. Based on my training and experience I know these perforated sheets are made up of individually dosed tabs, which are approximately 1/4 inch square.

The CI advised his source of supply for the "25C" and "25I" was a male he/she knew only as "Joey." This subject was later identified as Joseph Bounds (DOB 02/09/1988). I showed the CI a mug shot of Bounds. The CI confirmed this was "Joey" and was his/her source of supply for the drugs.

The CI contacted Bounds' on the phone number he/she provided. The CI arranged to purchase of a distribution amount of both the "25I" and the "25C" from Bounds' at his residence, which is located at 532 34 Road Unit A.

The CI was transported to Bounds' residence, which was confirmed by Inv. to be 532 34 Road Unit A. After a short time the CI exited the residence. At this time the CI gave the evidence he/she purchased to Inv.

The CI confirmed he/she purchased the drugs from Joseph Bounds. Bounds gave the CI a plastic sandwich baggie, which contained 2 different perforated sheets, containing numerous tabs each. The CI identified one sheet as 25C-NBOMe and the other sheet as 25I-NBOMe. These evidence items were not field tested as there is currently not a field test for these synthetic drugs.

On 04/11/2013 I contacted Criminalist Stephen Brumbaugh of the Colorado Bureau of Investigations Laboratory reference the above stated drugs. Brumbaugh advised he is familiar with these synthetic drugs and provided the full names for them as:

25I-NBOMe is: 2-(4-Iodo-2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-N-(2-methoxybenzyl)ethanamine 25C-NBOMe is: 2-(4-Chloro-2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-N-(2-methoxybenzyl)ethanamine

Criminalist Brumbaugh advised both of these drugs are considered chemical analogs of 4-Bromo-2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine (AKA: DOB), a Schedule I controlled substance under Colorado law.

Based on this investigation I obtained a search warrant for Bounds' residence, which is located 532 34 Road Unit A. This warrant was reviewed and signed by the Honorable Judge Flynn.

On 04/11/2013 at approximately 2300 hours this warrant was executed at the residence. During the execution of the warrant Joseph Bounds was located in the south-east bedroom. This room was identified as belonging to Joseph. During the search of this room Det.

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located a concealed safe. This safe contained hundreds of the perforated tabs. These tabs were consistent with the tabs purchased during the controlled buy. The safe also contained a large amount of US currency. I know based on my training and experience that drug dealers commonly have large amounts of cash, which are proceeds from drug distribution.

In the same bedroom officers located hundreds of small Ziploc baggies. I know based on my training and experience these types of baggies are commonly used to package drugs for distribution. In the desk of the same room I located a digital scale. I know based on my training and experience these types of scales are commonly used to weigh illegal drugs. In the same bedroom on the south side of the bed, in a chest of drawers I located a sawed off shot gun. Both the stock and the barrel had been cut. The barrel of the shotgun was less than 18 inches and the overall length was less than 26 inches. This shotgun was located within arms reach of where Bounds was arrested, and the same room the distribution amount of the suspected 25C-NBOMe and the 25I-NBOMe.

During a post arrest interview Bounds advised the substance we located in his room was 25C-NBOMe. Bounds advised us he believed the substance was legal to possess.

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Sworn to before me this  $\frac{12}{2}$  day of  $\frac{12}{2}$  day of  $\frac{12}{2}$ 



CNotary

Probable Cause Determination

( ) Approved ( ) Rejected

Judge

