

## **Fayette County Sheriff's Office**

Wayne Hannah, Sheriff

June 15, 2012

## **Press Information**

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On June 14, 2012 members of the Fayette County Sheriff's Office Tactical Narcotic's Team (TNT) seized approximately 160 pounds of a substance which is suspected to be a type of synthetic marijuana. The seizure was made from a tip given to TNT investigators.

The seizure comes as a Regulatory action passed down from the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy (SBOP) and the Georgia Drugs and Narcotic Agency (GDNA) to all Georgia Post Certified Peace Officer's in an emergency ruling which took place on June 11, 2012. The emergency ruling is an effort by the SBOP and the GDNA to schedule newly identified compounds found in substances which had previously been classified as Synthetic Marijuana by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Division of Forensic Science (DOFS). The emergency ruling authorizes Georgia Peace Officer's to identify and seize substances which may contain these newly identified compounds where a sample will then be submitted to the GBI for testing.

TNT investigators seized the suspected substance on June 14, 2012 as part of the regulatory action and not a criminal action. No arrests were made during this incident.