



Fayette County Sheriff's Office

Wayne Hannah, Sheriff

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Press Information

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The Fayette County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of the Fayetteville Police Department conducted an operation today to locate and remove synthetic marijuana from store shelves in Fayette County. The operation was in response to the yesterday's amended law which will now be known as "Chase's Law" signed by Governor Nathan Deal on March 27, 2012. "Chase's Law" is named after a 16 year old Fayette County resident, Chase Corbitt Burnett, who passed away on March 4, 2012 at his Fayette County home after ingesting synthetic marijuana. Chase was sophomore at McIntosh High School and a member of the Junior Varsity soccer team.

Fayette County Sheriff's deputies and Fayetteville Police officers focused their efforts this morning to educate store owners about the amended law. The store owners were provided a copy of the new law and given the option of surrendering any synthetic marijuana they currently had in stock.

"Chase's Law" makes it a felony for "any person who attempts to or does unlawfully possess, sell, distribute, or give this drug to any other person". Synthetic marijuana is a Schedule I controlled substance. Any Schedule I controlled substance collected by the Fayette County Sheriff's Office will be sent to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for analysis and destruction.