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LPPD operation shuts down Kush dealers

In the final weeks of April 2017, the La Porte Police Department's Street Crimes Unit focused its attention on possible narcotic activities reportedly occurring at a hotel in the 700 block of South State Highway 146. This location was quickly identified as a source of "Kush" sales.

Kush is a manmade synthetic cannabinoid, mistakenly compared to marijuana. However, Synthetic cannabinoids are a group of unregulated psychoactive (mind-altering) substances which mimic the effects of illegal drugs. These unregulated substances may affect the brain much more powerfully than marijuana; their actual effects can be unpredictable and, in some cases, severe or even life-threatening.

The Street Crimes Unit investigation led to probable cause being established to obtain a search warrant for the hotel room. Assisting the Street Crimes Unit were Detectives from La Porte's Criminal Investigation as well as K-9 Division.

As a result of the search warrant execution, Detectives detained four suspects, seized suspected synthetic cannabinoids (Kush), along with numerous items used for the distribution and sale of narcotics. Also seized was more than \$2,000 in cash, broken down into denominations consistent with street level drug sales. Of the four suspects detained during the search, one adult male was arrested for a City of La Porte warrant and the other three were released.

First degree felony charges are being sought on all four suspects for possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver. Forfeiture proceedings for the seized cash will be processed through the Harris County District Attorney's Office.