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Dear Borough of Highlands Residents,

The Highlands Police Department in its ongoing efforts to combat drug and alcohol abuse would like to warn our citizens, especially parents, of the dangers of a substance sold as potpourri or incense. The substance is sold under the brand name K-2, which is commonly smoked by juveniles and younger adults.

The police department is currently investigating four separate cases which occurred over the past two weeks wherein the substance was purchased legally and then reportedly smoked resulting in an overdose in each case, but no fatalities. Similar incidents have also been reported throughout Monmouth County.

One incident involved severe hallucinations in which the victim was attempting to seriously harm herself/himself. All four of the incidents required prompt attention from the Highlands Police Department, as well as, Highlands First Aid Squad and hospitalization.

Please take this warning seriously; these incidents are a clear warning to potential users of this substance or similar substances. Parents, siblings and friends of potential users should make every effort to prevent their loved ones and/or friends from ingesting this substance. Please seek medical and/or professional help if ingested.

This information is provided in the hope that together we can avoid the ultimate tragedy of a fatality due to an overdose. If you would like further information on K-2 or any narcotics, please contact the Highlands Police Department. As always, the members of the Highlands Police Department encourage anyone with information to contact Dsgt. Rogers, Det. Siegle or Det. Macri at (732) 872-1158. All calls are kept confidential and everyone has the right to remain anonymous.

Sincerely,

Chief Joseph R. Blewett

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Chief of Police