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Convenience Store Owner Arrested for Sale of K-2

Lake Panasoffkee, FL. – September 19, 2013

Detectives with the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Squad report the arrest of a convenience store owner for the sale of a controlled substance in violation of Florida's Synthetic Drug Law.

Detectives arrested BAH S. BOTROS, 54, of Ocala. BOTROS is the owner of the convenience store known as the Spirit Truck Stop located at 293 E. CR 470 in Lake Panasoffkee, and where the Sheriff's Office had received a substantial number of citizen complaints regarding the sale of "K-2" at the location.

BOTROS sold the drug commonly referred to as "K-2 or Spice" to an undercover agent on August 8th 2013. The substance purchased was packaged as the product "Scooby Snax". The "Scooby Snax" was sent to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Lab for testing and identification. The FDLE Lab report identified the substance as UR-144 which was recently added to the State of Florida's list of controlled substances. The addition of UR-144 was approved and signed by the Governor on April 24th, 2013 after House Bill 619 was passed in the House.

BOTROS was arrested and charged with one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Sell (Bond: \$20,000) and one count of Sale of a Controlled Substance (Schedule 1, Bond: \$20,000).

Sheriff William O. Farmer says "these types of investigations shall continue throughout the county and anyone operating a convenience store in the county, they should do the right thing and take this poison off of their shelves."

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