

# Marijuana Impact: Hampton Roads



# Interdiction

- There has been an increase in marijuana seizures through private carriers in the past three years since the decriminalization of marijuana in other states.
- Gateway drug?
- New Uses and stronger THC
  - Honey Oil, wax, ear wax etc..



# Interdiction

- In 2015— 185,691 grams seized or 409lbs
  - 2013– 85,977g or 189.5lbs
  - 2014– 75,736g or 167lbs
  - Shift has gone from source areas in the SW to Colorado, Oregon and Washington.
  - Smaller amounts 5lbs or less staying under the transportation code. (18.2-248.01)
  - More “medical” deliveries/excuses than before
    - Medical cards issued from: CO, CA



# TOTAL HERBAL CONSULTATION

Patient Name:

(REC ID # ( Y039 )

Identification: D.O.B: /1948

Date of Recommendation: 04/05/2013

Recommendation Valid Until: 04/05/2014

( VALID FOR 12 MONTHS )

## Physician Statement and Recommendation

Pursuant to California's Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5

The purpose of this medical document is to identify this individual as a patient whose possession and /or cultivation of medical cannabis is permissible pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5 and Senate Bill 420.

This affirms the patient listed above has been examined and evaluated by the physician indicated on this document and that the physician is licensed to practice medicine in the State of California. It is their assessment that the above-mentioned patient qualifies under California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.5 for the use of cannabis for medical purposes. If this patient chooses to use cannabis therapeutically, the staff of the clinic indicated on this document will continue to monitor the status of this patient. The physician acts only as a consultant, not a primary care provider. This patient assumes full responsibility for any and all risks associated with this treatment option. The physician has discussed the potential medical benefits and risks of cannabis use.

This patient hereby gives permission for representatives of Total Herbal Consultation Systems to discuss the nature of their condition(s) and the information contained within this document for verification purpose. This is a non-transferable document. This document is the property of the physician indicated on this document and can be revoked at any time without notice. Void after expiration, if altered or misused. Please direct any questions to the office. Total Herbal Consultation, LLC - 5985 Topanga Cyn. , Woodland Hills, CA. 91367 Phone #: (818) 888 - 7162

To VERIFY a Patient: 1. Please call us 818.888.7162

2. Go to [www.drthc.com](http://www.drthc.com) and verify online

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Live phone verification during office hour 9am-1pm, 3pm-6:30pm Monday - Friday - Sat 12:30-4:00

Physician Clinic Information:

(To Verify Physician License Visit: [www.ombc.ca.gov](http://www.ombc.ca.gov))

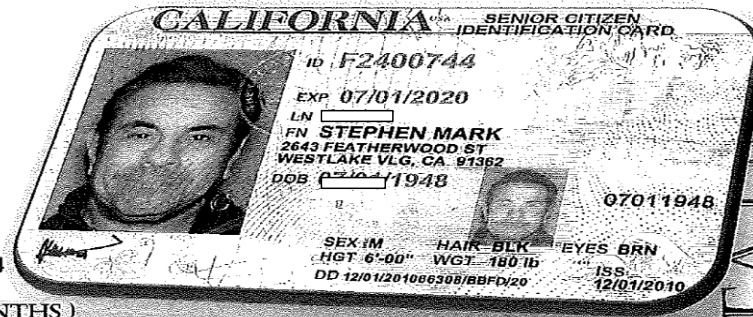
Clinic Name: *Total Herbal Consultation*

(Please enter the last 4 #'s of his license: 2274)

Physician Name: *Dr. Aram Mkhitarian D.O.*

License Number: *20 A12274*

Clinic Address: *5985 Topanga Canyon, Woodland Hills, C.A. 91367*



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# The New High

- Now that marijuana is de-criminalized in CO the new trend is to get the strongest or highest THC content possible.
- 60's and 70's 1-4% THC level normal...now 13% is normal but the best is averaging 25% and some 37% THC content.
- Honey Oil: Butane Hash Oil method
  - Leaching the oil from marijuana
  - Purity can be 70%-90% pure
  - Hallucination concerns and other health issues.

# Butane Extraction



# Colorado

- Several issues have plagued the state since decriminalization
  - Black market still makes up 40% of sales
  - Taxes/banking industry
  - Edibles and their regulation
  - Schools
    - Kids have little to no concern for marijuana in schools
    - Calls to Poison control have gone up in CO and WA
    - CO: 2014'– 151      2013'—88      2012'—66
    - WA: 2014'– 246      2013'– 158
    - Both states report doubling their call for children under 12.
      - WA– 48 under age 12      CO: 45 under age 8
      - Edibles are the largest contributor for children's calls to Poison Control.



# Colorado cont...

- Prior to legalization there were 106k medical marijuana license in 2012 and jumped to 115k in 2014. 94% of those are issued for “SEVERE PAIN” and they cannot be objectively verified
- Parents have children believing it’s not an issue and some children are getting it from parents.
- CO has only raised approximately 1/3 of the tax revenue to originally projected.
- Gov. Hickenlooper: if your planning on legalizing do not do it, more research needs to be done.
- Surrounding states are suing do to “direct and significant harm”

The marijuana cultures push to legalize it's consumption is by far out pacing the legitimate medical concerns of society. With every effort there are those that choose to abuse the "understanding" and create an issue which wasn't known before.

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