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PRESS RELEASE

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MEDICAL EMERGENCIES & SPICE ARRESTS

GAINESVILLE, FLA – On November 1st, the Gainesville Police Department along with the Gainesville Fire Rescue and Alachua County Rescue Departments responded to multiple reports of sick individuals along the NE Waldo Road corridor. Further investigation revealed that at least 13 individuals were experiencing adverse and incapacitating effects after consuming SPICE, a homemade synthetic substance that is supposed to mimic the effects of marijuana. All of these patients were transported to area hospitals for treatment. Ofc. White located a vehicle in the area, 3055 NE 28th Dr, and contacted the occupants. His investigation revealed these individuals were in possession of suspected “Spice” along with other suspected synthetic drugs and drug paraphernalia. Arrested were **GARY W NORMAN, W/M, DOB 8-12-54, CRYSTAL L MANOS, W/F, 7-19-85, HANNAH B RIDDLESPUR, W/F, 12-18-89, RHONDA D TOMPKINS, W/F, 4-6-87.**

Detectives with the Gainesville Alachua County Drug Task Force is investigating the source of the “Spice,” who may be distributing the drug, and is asking the public for any information related to this or any illegal drug activity to contact them at 352-393-7700. We would like to remind members of the public that under the 9-1-1 Good Samaritan Act, if a person experiences or witnesses an overdose and seeks medical assistance by calling 911 or other means, cannot be charged or prosecuted for possession of a controlled substance.



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