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## Spice Lab Seized in Glendale by Special Investigations Detectives

**Glendale, Ariz.** – Detectives from the Glendale Police Department’s Special Investigations Unit obtained information on a large amount of "Spice" being manufactured and potentially sold at Pronto Mart, located near 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Missouri. Most of the information came through Arizona Tax Revenue Officers performing a routine inspection at Pronto Mart. The inspectors told Glendale investigators they saw evidence of what they believed to be manufacturing in the two back rooms of the business.

Based upon the information received by the Glendale SIU Detectives, a search warrant was authored, signed by a judge and served at the store Tuesday afternoon, 4/16/13. Once inside the business, detectives located and seized nearly 6,000 viles containing what is believed to be the Dangerous Drug known as Spice, along with large containers of raw material weighing almost 250 pounds that had reportedly been sprayed with the chemical "A.K.B.", which is the illegal active ingredient that produces the high when the substance is smoked. Admissions from the store manager, 39 yr old Abraham Sayegh, were that he had been purchasing the herb from California and purchasing the "A.K.B." from China for the last six months. Sayegh also admitted to manufacturing "Spice" to sell to other stores in the area, as well as online sales.

House Bill 2327, dealing with the Dangerous Drug Spice, was signed into law by Governor Brewer on 4/3/13 and became effective that same day through emergency order. The language in the new law states that any synthetic drug used to mimic THC or Methamphetamine is illegal. Due to the fact that Abraham Sayegh was not only believed to be selling, but also believed to be manufacturing Spice, felony charges are being submitted on Sayegh for Possession of Dangerous Drugs For Sale, and Manufacturing Dangerous Drugs.

Attached are photographs taken by investigators during the service of the search warrant.

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