



A new type of drug called K2 has entered Johnson County. K2 is composed of herbal incense and is commonly smoked in either a drug pipe or a bong. K2 is sold in four different varieties, with K2 Blonde and K2 Summit being the most popular. K2 Summit is reported to be the strongest of the four varieties. K2 is primarily sold in three ounce packages and the price per package is \$25. It is gaining tremendous popularity among the teenage population in Johnson County. Juvenile probation officers have reported that they are seeing an increase in abnormal drug screens, which they believe is related to the usage of K2. One local juvenile reported that he no longer smokes marijuana and is only going to smoke K2 from now on. A K2 user posted on the internet that K2 produces a high 10x that of marijuana and he “couldn’t move for an hour”.

K2 is currently being sold at an herbal shop in Lawrence on Massachusetts St. We recently purchased a package of K2 Blonde from the store and submitted it to the Johnson Crime Lab for testing. It was analyzed and no controlled substances were found. Synthetic cannabinoids were found, however they are currently legal.

It is important to note that even though K2 is legal; a driver that is impaired from using it can still be arrested. This would be similar to someone under the influence of prescribed medication or over-the-counter medication. In these cases it would be wise to consult a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).