



POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



TO: Dennis Ragsdale; Valdez City Council

FROM: Bart Hinkle, Chief of Police

RE: Herbal Outfitters Inspection [VPD 16-5402]

DATE: October 24, 2016

At approximately 1400 hours on October 24, 2016, Officer Beck, Officer Shumate, and I visited Herbal Outfitters so that we could conduct an inspection of their commercial marijuana retail facility. The last inspection had been conducted on August 26, 2016 – at which time many components of the facility were not completed.

Herbal Outfitters was conducting its' open house event that afternoon/evening, had a showroom floor of branded merchandise, and was ready for business. Mr. Ballow informed us that he anticipated being open, with product to sell, on Saturday the 29th.

During the inspection I noted that Herbal Outfitters sported a robust security system, with adequate storage and the ability to retrieve video from up to 45 days prior. Herbal Outfitters also used an established login procedure and had two fully functioning (minus product) bud tending stations.

The manager [Derek Morris], upon request, was able to show me the computer database that tracks the store's inventory and how an individual could reserve products online and come to the retail store to pick it up and pay. I also observed the final version of an educational insert that is going to be given to each consumer upon purchase. The final product was professional looking, informative, and incorporated some input that I had provided after our last inspection in August.

During the duration of the inspection (approximately 30 minutes), I did not observe any noticeable violations or any business practice that would indicate Herbal Outfitters is operating out of compliance with State of Alaska or City of Valdez regulations.