



POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



TO: Elke Doom; Valdez City Council

FROM: Bart Hinkle, Chief of Police

RE: Herbal Outfitters Inspection [VPD 17-0775]

DATE: February 27, 2017

At approximately 0900 hours on February 21, 2017, Officer Sims, Officer McCumby, Lieutenant Mott, and I visited Herbal Outfitters so that we could conduct a walk-through inspection of their commercial marijuana retail facility. The last inspection had been conducted on October 24, 2016 – the same day as their open house event and prior to the establishment being open for business.

The purpose of visiting Herbal Outfitters was multifaceted: there were Officers that had yet to enter the facility and did not know the manager or owner of the business, it had been awhile since an inspection had been conducted, and the Valdez Police Department was interested to see what kind of investigative leads could be gleaned from the label that is affixed to all purchases of marijuana products from Herbal Outfitters.

As I have become accustomed to expect, I found the manager and owner of the business to be very agreeable and forthcoming. They educated us on many aspects of the business that had not been addressed during previous inspections and were able to answer all of our questions regarding the labels on the merchandise as a number of questions regarding inventory control and business practices.

During the inspection, the manager of Herbal Outfitters was able to recall video from over 30 days ago, accurately demonstrate tracking of every gram of product sold, and clearly articulate security measures and business practices that exceed industry standards or statutory requirements.

During the duration of the inspection (approximately 60 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.