

Attorney General Pam Bondi News Release

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Attorney General Bondi Files Emergency Rule Banning the Dangerous Synthetic Drug Marketed as "Bath Salts"

Tallahassee, FL – Attorney General Pam Bondi joined FDLE Commissioner Gerald Bailey and Bay County Sheriff Frank McKeithen and other law enforcement officials, as well as legislative leaders, to announce the filing of an emergency rule that will add substances containing MDPV (Methylenedioxypropylvalerone), commonly known as “bath salts” to the schedule of controlled substances.

“Due to the violent nature of the side effects involved in taking these drugs, the emergency rule will provide law enforcement with the tools necessary to take this dangerous substance off the shelves and protect the abusers from themselves as well as others,” said Attorney General Bondi. “These are dangerous drugs that should not be confused with any type of common bath product.”

Common street names for this drug include: Vanilla Sky, Ivory Wave, Ocean Burst and Bolivian Bath. The substance is usually snorted although it can be smoked or swallowed. Reported side effects of MDPV include: increased heart rate, nosebleeds, hallucinations, severe paranoia, seizures, and kidney failure.

“This rule will stop availability and stop access to these highly potent substances. Florida law enforcement appreciates the quick action taken to halt the use of these products before they become even more prevalent in our communities,” said Commissioner Bailey.