



Danvers Police Department

For Immediate Release:

This afternoon, as the result of a multi-jurisdictional investigation, the Danvers Police Department seized over 200 pounds of marijuana, tens of thousands of dollars, thousands of THC honey butane cartridges, THC-infused edible candies, hallucinogenic mushrooms, and various other types of cannabis oils and cannabis related products. The attached photos depict a small sample of items seized. This investigation was the result of a collaborate effort between the Danvers Police Department, the Beverly Police Department, the Boston Tactical Division Squad of the Drug Enforcement Agency and the United States Postal Inspectional Services.

This investigation resulted in four arrests. Gary Cioffi Jr, 34, of Peabody, Taylor Arellano, 23, of Lynn, Donald Spongberg, 26, of Saugus, and Thomas Iannello, 29, of Saugus will all face multiple narcotics charges. They are expected to be arraigned tomorrow at Salem District Court.

“These arrests demonstrate collaboration among our local and federal partners. I am proud of the good police work done by these detectives today. These edibles are intentionally designed to look like candy and could easily be mistaken by a young child. Their removal from the street eliminates the possibility of accidental ingestion by children, as well as, the intentional abuse from teens in our community,” said Chief Patrick Ambrose.