



HOT Sheet

SALVIA

With the widespread viewing on the internet of Miley Cyrus smoking a bong packed with Salvia, we thought it prudent to inform the public concerning this hallucinogenic plant.

- It is a member of the mint family
- It can be rolled and smoked like a cigarette, chewed, or smoked in a pipe or bong
- Produces an intense high comparable to marijuana or LSD
- Is a psychoactive plant which can induce dissociative effects and is a potent producer of "visions" and other hallucinatory experiences
- It has a long and continuous tradition of religious use by Mazatec shamans who use it to facilitate spiritual healing sessions
- It is available online or in "head shops" and is legal in most states
- It is illegal in 15 states and about a dozen nations have also made it illegal
- The U.S. Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Administration has included it in their list of "drugs and chemicals of concern"
- Some scientists believe that the drug or a modified version of it may lead to medical advances in the treatment of diseases such as Alzheimer's, chronic pain, and drug addiction

Locally, we have not seen use of this plant but anticipate that to change with the recent national attention.

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