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Indictment of Illegal Marijuana Possession and Delivery Business

Thursday, May 27, 2021 (Anchorage, AK) – On Friday, May 21, 2021, Jeffery Toole, age 31, of Chugiak was indicted by an Anchorage Grand Jury for possessing and delivering a Controlled Substance in the First Degree (AS 11.71.040(a)(2)), a class C felony in Alaska.

Toole, the owner of an online marijuana delivery service, akropdrop (A Krop Drop), provided customers delivery of marijuana in exchange for what he advertised as a “donation.” Officers of the Alcohol Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) and the Anchorage Police Department’s Community Action Policing Unit (CAP) made several controlled deliveries of marijuana from Toole using his company’s online and telephone instructions. Court-ordered search warrants were obtained for Toole, his vehicle, and his residence.

In his online profiles, Toole referred to his company as a "community". Toole would advertise "gifts" that was purported locally grown marijuana made by “Mom & Pop Alaskans”. These “gifts” were limited to persons 21 years and older with valid ID. The site also encouraged people to donate, support, and provide feedback to “local producers”.

Alaska has a legal process for obtaining marijuana retail sales licenses, and regulations to help ensure the safety and quality of marijuana products sold in such retail shops; none of which are currently allowed to provide delivery. Additionally, Toole did not possess, nor does it appear he attempted to obtain, a legal marijuana license or a marijuana-handler permit with AMCO.

There are many hard working and quality-conscious marijuana cultivators, manufacturers, and retail establishments throughout Alaska, all of whom must meet standards and otherwise comply with all Alaska marijuana laws. Illegally selling and/or delivering unknown and untested marijuana is a threat to public safety and to consumers. AMCO is dedicated to enforcing alcohol and marijuana laws to provide clear and consistent standards for licensees, and to protect the public from harm.

Toole has been served by AMCO enforcement officers with the indictment and summoned to appear in court. He is scheduled to be arraigned at 10 a.m. on June 4, 2021.

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