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POLICE CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE SYNTHETIC DRUG 2C-E IN THE POCATELLO AREA

The Pocatello Police Department has confirmed that at least five juveniles have taken the synthetic drug 2C-E, with a street name of “Europa” or locally known as “Dragonfly.”

At least three juveniles have been taken to the hospital for treatment as a result of using this drug. Others may have been treated not knowing it was related to ingesting 2C-E. Three subjects have been incarcerated on probation violations and other charges, including possession of Pep Spice, injury to a child and underage consumption of alcohol.

This synthetic drug is illegal in Europe and other countries but can be legally purchased over the Internet. The Pocatello Police Department continues to work with School District #25 to combat this latest drug problem. “Since the substance is not illegal, it presents a challenge to law enforcement,” said Lt. Paul Manning. “However, we are committed to educating the public about the hallucinogenic and dangerous side effects of taking this drug until a course of enforcement action can be determined.”

Parents or students with concerns or information about this dangerous drug can contact a School Resource Officer, the Pocatello Police Communications Center (at 234-6100) or Sgt. Mo Canfield (at 234-6120).

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