

## Marijuana Alert - December 22, 2020



# Kim Foxx's vision: Automatically erase more serious convictions for weed dealing, expunge cocaine or heroin arrests

But Foxx ultimately wants to use her office's existing infrastructure for identifying cases to similarly wipe out more serious offenses for selling cannabis, which she acknowledged typically involves more than 30 grams. Currently, those convicted of a crime dealing with 30 to 500 grams of pot must petition the court to have their record expunged.

"We should also make it easier for those who had those sales convictions for higher amounts to also be able to have their convictions vacated automatically," Foxx said. "No, they didn't have a license. And no, it wasn't legal. But it was the only economy that they had," she said, noting that legal pot firms are now "doing the exact same thing and making a ton of money."

... Currently, possession of 15 grams or less of heroin or cocaine can result in a felony conviction that typically can't be expunged from criminal records. Asked whether she would advocate for expunging convictions for possession of those harder drugs, Foxx answered "yes" - as long as it's part of a larger, progressive approach to handling addiction. Read more

### Giant hemp grower to buy marijuana cultivation license in Illinois

Red White and Bloom Brands Inc. announced Thursday it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire the outstanding shares of Cannabis Capital Partners Inc., and with it rights to purchase a cannabis cultivation center in downstate Shelbyville, the company stated in a news release.

. . . However, state law requires that cannabis growing licenses be geographically dispersed, one for each Illinois State Police district. That would seem to suggest that

a change in the law would be required to move the license.

... Red White and Bloom has been growing relatively nonpsychoactive CBD and hemp flower at its Granville greenhouse for more than a year. It said it would need minimal changes to convert to producing cannabis, extracts and infused products with THC, the primary component of marijuana that gets users high. Read

#### Three dispensaries open in Naperville

#### What Springfield taught Obama about how politics really work

Obama went on to describe his view of politics in Springfield as "a series of transactions mostly hidden from view, legislators weighing the competing pressures of various interests with the dispassion of bazaar merchants, all the while keeping a careful eye on the handful of ideological hot buttons - guns, abortion, taxes - that might generate heat from their base."

Obama explained that it wasn't that legislators "didn't know the difference between good and bad policy. It just didn't matter. What everyone in Springfield understood was that 90% of the time voters back home weren't paying attention. Read more

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