

Marijuana Alert - December 2, 2021



Odor of marijuana no longer basis for vehicle search in Illinois

On December 3, 2020, an Illinois State Trooper stopped a motor vehicle on Interstate 88 in rural Whiteside County for speeding. After smelling the odor of raw cannabis, the officer searched the vehicle and arrested its passenger, Vincent Molina, fordemeanor possession of 2.6 grams of cannabis.

...Judge Daniel P. Dalton ruled that "there are a number of wholly innocent reasons a person or the vehicle in which they are in may smell of raw cannabis." Judge Dalton ruled, "the court finds the odor of raw cannabis alone is insufficient to establish probable cause...." <u>Read</u>

You can buy weed on Uber Eats in Ontario - In the States when?

Rest assured, Uber wants to eventually send you a vape with that breakfast burrito. In April, CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said "when the road is clear" the company will absolutely look into cannabis delivery in the US. Blocking the road, of course, are rules prohibiting the purchase of federally illegal products with a credit card and the fact that only 18 states currently allow for recreational cannabis use. <u>Read</u>

Two Chicago pot dispensaries to be sold for \$55 million

A large multistate cannabis company announced plans to acquire two independent Chicago dispensaries in Illinois for \$55 million — with

plans to buy marijuana growing operations and more retail stores in the state.

Ayr Wellness operates cannabis dispensaries in six other states. CEO Jonathan Sandelman said the company typically also owns licenses to grow cannabis to form a seed-to-sale operation, and plans to do so in Illinois by acquiring a cultivation license here along with the maximum allowed 10 retail stores.

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Few cannabis workers unionized 2 years after legalization in IL

Cannabis workers pushing to unionize amid complaints of low wages and rough working conditions claim they've faced stiff resistance from the corporate pot firms that employ them. <u>Read</u>

New York City Opens Nation's First Government-Sanctioned Drug Injection Sites

Critics of the facilities argue that they legitimize, destigmatize, and therefore encourage drug abuse rather than do anything constructive to mitigate the drug epidemic. While cities like San Francisco and Seattle, both ravaged by substance abuse, have considered opening injection locations, New York City is the first to formally authorize such sites.

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For Immediate Action

- 1. Contact your <u>State Representitve</u> and <u>Senator</u> and ask them to oppose safe consumption sites for illegal drug use in Illinois (<u>HB</u> <u>110</u>).
- 2. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
- 3. Forward to 10 others.

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