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PHOTO RELEASE: IN CITY WIDE SWEEP, OCM HITS SIX ILLICIT CANNABIS STOREFRONTS IN WATERTOWN, ISSUES ORDERS TO SEAL AND MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS

Orders to Seal Issued to Three Illicit Operators;

Three More Businesses Cited with Notices of Violation



Order to Seal issued to and padlocked Sky High Tobacco & Convenience LLC, 1222 Arsenal St STE 31

WATERTOWN, NY — [The New York State Office of Cannabis Management \(OCM\)](#) took swift enforcement action against six illicit cannabis storefronts selling illegal cannabis products operating in Watertown, New York. Following inspections conducted by [OCM's Enforcement Division](#), investigators seized a variety of illicit cannabis products, including cannabis flower, edibles and concentrates. The estimated retail value of the seized products is \$288,000. Based on the large quantity of illicit products observed during inspections, three locations were issued Orders to Seal and padlocked, while three additional businesses were issued Notices of Violation requiring them to immediately stop sales and remove illicit products.

Orders to Seal were issued and the following businesses were padlocked:

- 420 Glass Company, 21182 Salmon Run Mall Loop W
- Sky High Tobacco & Convenience LLC, 1222 Arsenal St STE 31
- The Town Smoke Shop, 1543 State St.

The following businesses were issued Notices of Violation (NOV):

- Seaway Convenience, 22088 US Route 11
- Jo Convenience, 327 Factory St
- Trading Treasures, 144 Eastern Blvd



Examples of illicit cannabis products seized by OCM investigators in Watertown, NY, including cannabis flower and edibles packaged to resemble popular candy and snack brands that could appeal to youth.

Shutting down three illicit storefronts and issuing three NOV's in one city reinforces OCM's firm commitment to rooting out illegal operators and protecting both licensed businesses and New Yorkers.

"Taking decisive action against six illicit storefronts in one city is not a coincidence, it's a signal," said **John Kagia, Acting Executive Director of the New York State Office of Cannabis Management**. "If you are operating outside the law, we will find you, we will seize illicit product, and we will shut you down. Our licensed operators are playing by the rules, investing in their communities, and complying with strict public health standards. We will not allow the illicit market to undermine that work or put New Yorkers at risk."

For more enforcement photos, click [here](#).

Consumers are encouraged to purchase cannabis products only from licensed dispensaries to ensure products are tested, labeled, and compliant with New York State regulations. To file a complaint or report illicit cannabis activity, visit: <https://cannabis.ny.gov/report-an-incident>

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[The New York State Office of Cannabis Management \(OCM\)](#) enforces the State's cannabis laws to protect consumers, safeguard communities, and support the growth of the legal cannabis industry. Through coordinated enforcement actions, OCM removes illegal cannabis products from the marketplace and shuts down unlicensed operators across New York State to uphold

the integrity of New York's licensed cannabis market. When violations are identified, OCM may issue a Notice of Violation (NOV), which outlines the alleged violations and starts the administrative hearing process, or an Order to Seal, which closes a business and prohibits it from operating due to unlawful cannabis activity.

To date the OCM has closed 568 illicit shops across the state.

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