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PHOTO RELEASE: OCM TAKES ACTION AGAINST TWO ILLICIT CANNABIS STOREFRONTS IN LEWIS COUNTY ALLEGED TO BE SELLING TO MINORS, PADLOCKS BOTH LOCATIONS

Orders to Seal Issued Following Complaints of Sales to Minors

Enforcement Action Targets Illegal Sales of THC Products to Youth, Protecting Families and Local Communities



Order to Seal issued to the now padlocked Smokers Corner – 7565 S. State Street, Lowville, NY 13367

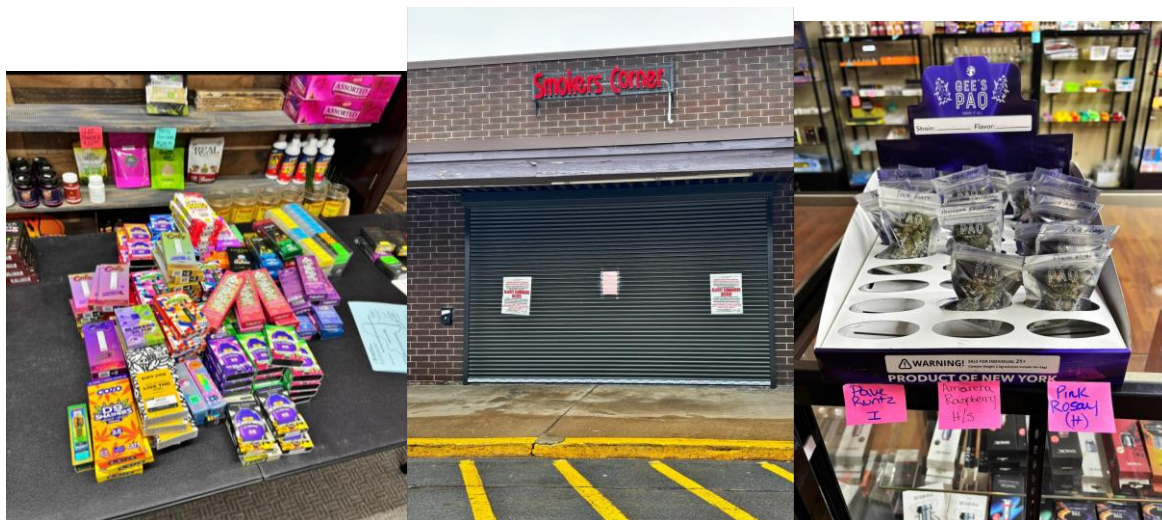
LEWIS COUNTY, NY — [The New York State Office of Cannabis Management \(OCM\)](#) took enforcement action against two illicit cannabis storefronts in Lewis County following complaints alleging the illegal sale of adult-use cannabis to minors. Investigators conducted inspections at two Smokers Corner locations in Lowville and Carthage, both owned by the same operator, and observed the unlawful sale of cannabis products.

Both locations were issued Orders to Seal and padlocked after investigators observed illicit cannabis products, including THC vape products, being sold in violation of New York State law. The investigation began after OCM received complaints through its online reporting tool and call center. Additional follow-up with local authorities confirmed concerns about THC vape products being sold to minors at the Lowville location.

“Selling cannabis to minors is one of the most serious violations we see, and it will not be tolerated,” said **John Kagia, Acting Executive Director of the New York State Office of Cannabis Management**. “These actions reflect our responsibility to act quickly when communities raise concerns and to shut down operators who put young people at risk. We will continue to protect New Yorkers and ensure cannabis is sold safely and legally across the state.”

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

- Smokers Corner – 7565 S. State Street, Lowville, NY 13367
- Singh’s Smokers Corner – 700 W End Ave #30, Carthage, NY 13619



From Left to Right—Illicit THC Vapes found on site, Order to Seal issued to the now padlocked Singh’s Smokers Corner – 700 W End Ave #30, Carthage, NY 13619, Illicit packs of cannabis flower found on site.

“After receiving community complaints, our investigators conducted inspections and observed the unlawful sale of cannabis products,” said **Daniel Haughney, Director of Enforcement and Investigations for the New York State Office of Cannabis Management**. “When businesses sell to minors, we will not hesitate to step in, seize illicit product and shut down those operations. Protecting young people and upholding the integrity of the legal market remains our top priority.”

For more enforcement photos from this action, [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, OCM has closed 592 illicit shops across the state.

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