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Henrico Police Makes Arrests in Illegal Vape Shop Operations

(Henrico County, Va.) – The Henrico County Police Division, in partnership with county leaders and regional law enforcement, is addressing concerns with crimes occurring at vape shops in the area.

On Friday, September 26, 2025, detectives within the Henrico County Police Division executed 10 search warrants on multiple vape stores suspected of selling marijuana and other illegal substances across Metro Richmond. Henrico Police worked with regional and federal law enforcement partners to conduct these searches at the following locations:

- The Simpson Smoke Shop – 7037 Staples Mill Rd (Henrico County)
- ZAZA Puff Palace – 3078 Hull Street Rd (Richmond City)
- ZAZA Wonderland – 3927 Hull Street Rd (Richmond City)
- ZAZA R US – 1838 E. Nine Mile Rd (Henrico County)
- Gas City – 1806 Fairmount Ave (Richmond City)
- Four residences in Henrico and Chesterfield counties
- One storage unit on Springfield Rd in Henrico County

Evidence collected from these searches resulted in more than 60 pounds of marijuana flower (worth over \$150,000), more than 12 pounds of THC edibles, approximately \$100,000 in cash, multiple firearms and vehicles.

“This crime trend is not unique to Henrico County, but rather a nationwide issue,” said **Henrico County Chief of Police, Eric D. English**. “Our sworn personnel across many units are heavily involved in finding ways to not only prevent these crimes from happening but enforcing the law and charging those responsible.”

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Henrico Police arrested and charged eight people in connection with this criminal enterprise:

- **Omar atef Falah Aljeradat**, 31, of Henrico County
- **Adham A. Jaraddat**, 24, of Henrico County
- **Ahlam Abedelnoor Jaraddat**, 42, of Henrico County
- **Shams Khaled Mohamed**, 24, of Henrico County
- **Ahmad Mahmoud Ail Barqawi**, 22, of Henrico County
- **Nashwan Mosleh Mozeb**, 34, of Henrico County
- **Aaliyah Shamari-Lynette Gordon**, 23, of Henrico County
- **SeanJanae Marie Crosswhite**, 23, of North Chesterfield

Charges include transporting more than five pounds of marijuana into the Commonwealth, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, and possession of a controlled substance. One individual remains at large, and further indictments are pending.

In collaboration with the Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, the Police Division works to educate the community about changes in the law on this topic. While recreational use of marijuana is now legal in Virginia, the sale for recreational use is still illegal.

Illicit products are becoming ever more prevalent in the Commonwealth at these vape shops. The Division's Drug Enforcement Unit investigates complaints of this nature while working in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Authority.

"One of our biggest concerns is our youth coming into possession of this product," English said. "We do have cases, dating back to 2024, where minors have broken into a vape shop, stole illicit product, and then sold it to their peers."

Currently, Henrico County has an ordinance ([Section 24-4323-F](#)) that prohibits the establishment of a vape shop within 1,000 feet of a school, or 2,000 feet of a public park or existing vape shop.

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Regional partnerships are also invaluable in these investigations. Henrico Police thanks its law enforcement partners, especially Virginia State Police, Richmond Police Department, Chesterfield County Police Department and the DEA Richmond District for their collaborative efforts.

The Police Division continues to utilize all available resources to address this issue in the community. If you have a tip about a business selling illegal products, you can email police@henrico.gov, or submit tips anonymously via Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000 or by using P3tips.com.

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