



Pembroke Pines Police Department



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MEDIA RELEASE

ASSIGNED PIO: Captain Al Xiques

PPPD CASE NUMBER: PPPD18OFF042108

DATE: 11/15/2018 **TIME:** 2:00 PM

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: 1341 N Palm Ave. Pembroke Pines, FL

CHARGE/INCIDENT: 381.986.12a (2 Counts) Unlawful Issuance of a Medical Marijuana Physician Certification

SUSPECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

- 1) Tommy L Louisville; 66-Years Old; 9-28-1952; Black Male; 8150 SW 72nd Ave #244, Miami, FL
- 2)

VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

- 1) State of Florida
- 2)

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

In June 2018, pursuant to a complaint of suspicious activity, the Pembroke Pines Police Department opened an investigation into the Miracle Leaf Health Center, located at 1341 N Palm Ave in Pembroke Pines. Miracle Leaf advertises on-scene medical evaluations, and same day approval into Florida's Medical Marijuana Registry. When this investigation began, the business name was Miracle Leaf Health Center. It has since changed names and become High Life Medical Marijuana Center. It should be noted, that while the business changed names, the owner and doctor working in the clinic remain the same.

The investigation was a collaborative effort between the Pembroke Pines Police Department, and the Florida Department of Health, with consultation from the Broward County State's Attorney's Office. The investigation revealed several criminal and administrative violations, involving Dr. Tommy Louisville. Dr. Louisville is one of the doctors who conduct the medical evaluations at the Miracle Leaf/High Life Medical Marijuana Center. He is Florida certified to approve patients into the Medical Marijuana Registry. Under state law, the qualifying reasons to approve someone into the Registry are specific.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to tips@ppines.com, or call Crimestoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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The investigation revealed that Dr. Louisville was found to be conducting the medical evaluations via closed circuit TV, without being physically present with the patient. Additionally, Dr. Louisville approved and entered several patients into the Medical Marijuana Registry, who were not qualified and did not meet the standards set by the state of Florida.

On November 15, 2018, Dr. Louisville was taken into custody and charged under Florida State Statute 381.986.12a, for 2 counts of Unlawful Issuance of a Medical Marijuana Physician Certification. These charges are First Degree Misdemeanors in the state of Florida. Additionally, the Florida Department of Health will move to take administrative action against the doctor.

The State of Florida has implemented a very structured medical marijuana program, and it is imperative that participating doctors follow these standards outlined in the law, so that qualified patients who are truly in need are not adversely affected. We are asking our residents to please be aware of any unlawful medical practices, and to report concerning behavior or activity to police or the Florida Department of Health.