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Police Seize Drug-Laced Candy

The Chester County District Attorney's Office announced that police had seized over 40 pounds of drug-laced candy from an apartment at West Chester University. The THC-laced candy was seized by the West Chester University Police Department from an apartment on the University's South Campus at 842 South New Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Patrick Carmody stated, "With Halloween just around the corner, the last thing we want to see is drug-laced candy hitting the streets. This was good work by the police to pick off this load of drugs before it went to college students or kids."

West Chester University Police Chief Michael Bicking said, "West Chester University takes drug use and drug distribution very seriously. I am proud of the hard work of my officers for finding and seizing these drugs."

The investigation started when police found several West Chester University students in a car on campus, with the smell of marijuana coming from the car. The police then worked backwards from questioning the occupants of the car all the way to the apartment on South New Street, where the police recovered the candy.

The candy is THC-laced, which means that it contains the active chemical ingredient from marijuana. The drug-laced candy varied in size from small hard candies to candies the size of a small orange. The drug-laced candy was wrapped in groups of plastic bags for easier sale and distribution.

Chief Deputy Carmody added, “This appears to be an isolated incident and we have seized all of the drugs involved. But it is a good time to remind parents to check the candy collected by their children during Halloween and to discard anything that looks suspicious. We want all of our kids to stay safe.”

This is an ongoing drug investigation. Anybody with information should contact Sgt. Matt Paris at the West Chester University Police Department or the Chester County Detectives at (610) 692-5100.

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