

Colorado Pot Prevalent In KS

(KNZA)--Authorities say a burgeoning domestic pot industry has transformed the potency of the weed now hitting the streets.

In the past, law enforcement says they mostly seized compressed marijuana bricks. Now they are mostly intercepting medical-grade, domestic marijuana.

A Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area study found busts involving Colorado weed were made last year in 23 states.

Information obtained by The Associated Press through an open records request shows the Kansas Highway Patrol made 468 felony drug trafficking arrests last year. The agency arrested 187 people during the first five months this year. Most of the pot seized came from Colorado.

The local area has not been immune from the trend, with a Colorado airplane, in early April, intercepted at Atchison's Amelia Earhart Airport.

Police say the plane's passengers were allegedly in possession of 42 pounds of Marijuana. Investigators say it was flown from Colorado to Atchison with the intent to then be driven to the Kansas City area for distribution.

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