



GENERAL POLICE ORDER CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE



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SUBJECT: MARIJUANA CITATIONS/ARRESTS			
ASSOCIATED MANUAL:		RELATED ORDERS:	
CHIEF OF POLICE: <i>Michael McGrath, Chief</i>			

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines to arrest and/or cite individuals for violation of Cleveland Codified Ordinance 607.03(a) (2) – Drug Abuse (Marijuana).

POLICY: The Cleveland Division of Police shall vigorously enforce laws for obtaining, possessing, or abusing marijuana.

PROCEDURES:

I. Drug Abuse Marijuana (less than 100 grams)

A person who obtains, possesses, or abuses marijuana and the weight involved is less than 100 grams (three point five ounces) is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Officers shall cite and release offenders with a Minor Misdemeanor Citation, and make an RMS report for the offense “Drug Abuse; Marijuana” (MM).

II. Drug Abuse Marijuana (100 to 200 grams)

A person who obtains, possesses, or abuses marijuana and the weight involved is 100 to 200 grams (seven ounces) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. Officers shall arrest offenders for Drug Abuse; Marijuana, and make an RMS report for the offense “Drug Abuse; Marijuana” (M1). The arresting officer shall consult with the prosecutor to obtain papers.

III. Marijuana Packaged for Sale

A person who possesses 200 grams (seven ounces) or less of marijuana, **packaged in ten or more individual packets**, is guilty of a felony. Officers shall arrest offenders for Violation of State Drug Law (VSDL), and make an RMS report for the offense “VSDL (Marijuana Packaged for Sale)”. The Narcotics Unit shall do a follow-up investigation and the arresting officer shall not consult the prosecutor to obtain papers.

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IV. Drug Abuse Marijuana (Over 200 Grams)

A person who obtains, possesses, or abuses marijuana and the amount involved is over 200 grams (seven ounces) is guilty of a felony. Officers shall arrest offenders for VSDL and make a RMS report. The Narcotic's Unit shall do a follow-up investigation and the arresting officer shall not consult the prosecutor to obtain papers.