

# **CHATHAM-SAVANNAH COUNTER NARCOTICS TEAM**

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **CNT to Hold News Conference**

CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA (January 22, 2019): The Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team (CNT) will hold a news conference concerning a recent joint drug operation conducted with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The operation resulted in search warrants at two local business, both located within the city limits of Savannah.

**WHAT:** News Conference

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Thomas C. Sprague Complex (CNT Office)  
71 Ross Road  
Savannah, Georgia 31405

**WHO:** CNT Director, Everett Ragan  
Chatham County District Attorney, Meg Heap  
Tybee Island Police Captain, Tiffany Hayes  
DEA Resident Agent in Charge, Vince Kersey  
DEA Group Supervisor, Vann Winn  
CNT Deputy Director, Mike Izzo  
CNT Assistant Deputy Director, Gene Harley

**BACKGROUND:**

In July 2018, the Tybee Island Police Department made contact with CNT following an incident where a juvenile's parents reported their child overdosed on a synthetic cannabinoid. A follow-up investigation conducted by CNT and the Drug Enforcement Administration's Tactical Diversions Squad suggested a large number of local high school aged students were making purchases of the same or similar synthetic cannabinoid from two local businesses in Savannah. These substances are advertised like cigarettes and as such Georgia law requires persons be 18 years or older to lawfully purchase them. The investigation suggested some juveniles were making the purchases despite being under the age of 18.

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