

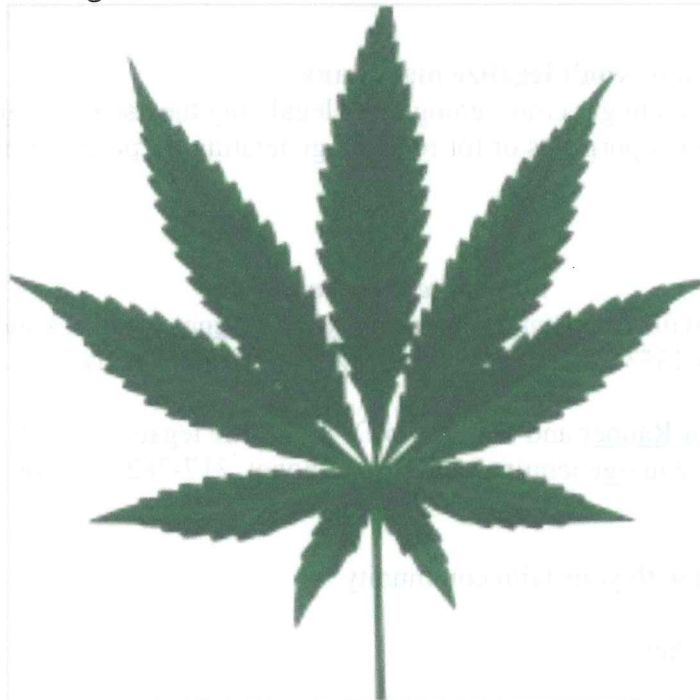
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## Marijuana Alert - Oct. 13, 2017



Marijuana is often portrayed as "harmless" by Legislators and the media who want to legalize the drug. A new report shows the **impact of legalizing marijuana in Colorado**, and a young man faces 20 years in prison after **legally purchasing and consuming marijuana in Washington**.

A 24 year old man **bought edible marijuana** in Seattle, **ate the candy and boarded a plane**. He **drank a beer**, and about **an hour after takeoff became volatile**. He **grabbed the plane's door handle and tried to get out**.

. . . Even after striking Hudek in the head twice with wine bottles, flight attendants were still unable to corral him. More passengers assisted and held him long enough to apply zip ties, but Hudek "remained extremely combative," according to court documents. [Read more](#)

**The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact (Vol. 5)**

From the Executive Summary in the [new report](#) released this week:

- In 2009, Colorado marijuana-related traffic deaths involving drivers testing positive for marijuana represented 9% of all traffic deaths. By 2017, that number **more than doubled to 20%**.
- Past month use of marijuana for youth was **55% higher** than the national average.
- Yearly number of marijuana-related hospitalizations **increased 72%** after the legalization of recreational marijuana.
- 346 highway interdiction seizures of marijuana in 2016--most common destinations identified were Illinois, Missouri, Texas, Kansas and Florida.
- **Crime in Denver increased 17%** and **crime in Colorado increased 11%** from 2013 to 2016.

### **Kentucky governor won't legalize marijuana**

"We are not, while I'm governor, going to be legalizing the use of marijuana in this state for recreational purposes or for revenue-generating purposes," Bevin said.

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### *For Immediate Action*

Share this Alert with your [State Representative](#) and [Senator](#) and ask them to **OPPOSE HB 2353 and SB 316** to legalize and tax marijuana.

[Contact Governor Rauner](#) and ask him to **OPPOSE** the legalization of marijuana for revenue-generating purposes. Phone: 217-782-6830 or 312-814-2121.

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