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## Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation



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As part of an eight month investigation, the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation (MBI) has served search warrants at 5 businesses that evidence reflected were selling illegal drug paraphernalia. The business names and locations that were searched are:

- 1) Pipe Dreams II, 6325 N. Orange Blossom Trail, #135, Orlando, FL
- 2) The 5<sup>th</sup> Element, 1018 N. Mills Avenue, Orlando, FL
- 3) Pipe Dreams 3-D, 14027 W. Colonial Drive, Winter Garden, FL
- 4) The G-Spot, 5618 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL
- 5) Drago's Treasures, 1781 W. Fairbanks Avenue, Winter Park, FL

Seized during the search warrants were drug paraphernalia that included bongos, bubbler pipes, filtering screens, grinders, cocaine bullet pipes, scales, advertising concerning illegal narcotics and other related drug paraphernalia. A similar series of drug paraphernalia seizures occurred in Seminole County in recent years and the majority of those drug paraphernalia shops have ceased selling drug paraphernalia.

The seizures are the first step in insuring compliance with drug paraphernalia laws in Orange County. The decision as to whether or not criminal charges will be brought, and against whom, will be made at the conclusion of the investigation.

If additional information is needed please contact MBI Narcotics Commander Larry Zwiieg at 407-836-9701.

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