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DA KATZ SHUTTERS ILLEGAL MOBILE CANNABIS DISPENSARY IN REGO PARK

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced the closure of an unlicensed mobile cannabis dispensary that operated at Woodhaven Boulevard underneath the Long Island Expressway in Rego Park, near a school and park. In response to community complaints, the Queens District Attorney detective investigators conducted a series of undercover purchases at the van, which had been operating in the area for several weeks. A search warrant was executed by members of the NYPD and New York City Sheriff's Office on April 16 and four pounds of leaf cannabis, as well as more than one pound of concentrated cannabis were recovered along with edibles packaged to look like candy. Three subjects were taken into custody and charged with sale and possession of cannabis. The van was removed by the NYPD.

District Attorney Katz said, "This illegal cannabis truck was parked just across the street from a school and a few hundred feet from a playground. Since November 2022, my office – working with our partner agencies – have seized more than \$25 million worth of products from more than 400 suspected illegal cannabis dispensaries here in Queens County. We will not relent in our aggressive enforcement actions against unlicensed dealers who sell unregulated products that are targeted to children. If you believe there's an illegal cannabis dispensary in your neighborhood, please contact my office at 718-286-6503 or email us at CannabisTips@queensda.org."

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