



# Gulfport Police Department News Release



Subject: Laced Gummy Worms at Boca Ciega High School

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Gulfport, FL-- Update to the information about laced gummy worms at Boca Ciega High School reported on 04/11/16.

Seven Boca Ciega High School students were involved in possessing drug laced gummy worms on 04/11/16 during or around lunch break. Five of those seven students admitted to consuming gummy worms. All five students went to the hospital, four of them by ambulance. At this time, contact has been made with all of the families and it has been reported that all of the students have been released from the hospital.

The incident was discovered when at least 2 students reported to the school clinic complaining of being ill after eating laced gummy worms. An investigation into the matter has revealed that five students consumed edible gummy worms that smelled strongly of marijuana and had a high oily content, consistent with marijuana oil. Apparently the students that consumed the laced gummies were aware that they would receive a "high" from ingesting them. One gummy worm was confiscated by the school resource officers and it tested positive for marijuana during a field presumptive test. It is currently being sent to the lab for further analysis.

One student is responsible for bringing the gummies to school and distributing them to 2 other students, who in turn, distributed them to four other students. All of the students involved have been identified. The investigation is still ongoing and criminal charges are pending.

Further details will be released when available.

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