

MEDIA RELEASE

CHARGES FILED IN ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH TAINTED COOKIE CASE

Ellettsville, IN (January 30, 2017): On May 22nd, 2016, the Ellettsville Police Department responded to numerous complaints from attendees of St. John's Catholic Church after morning Mass ranging from nausea, increased blood pressure, anxiety, and lethargy to paranoia. The patrons had each claimed to have been given a cookie by a fellow church goer after the service. A cookie that a patron claimed was given to them after the Mass was sent to the Indiana State Police Laboratory for analysis. The Indiana State Police Laboratory found that the cookie tested positive for Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), a controlled substance. As a result of the positive test results and other evidence obtained by Officer Zachary Michael during the investigation, Brian N. Jones (74 years of age) of Bloomington was charged with Criminal Recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor under I.C. 35-42-2-2(a) and Possession of Hash Oil, a Class B Misdemeanor under I.C. 35-48-4-11(a)(1).

ORIGINAL MEDIA RELEASE FROM 5/31/2016

CHURCH ATTENDEES EAT COOKIE AND END UP AT HOSPITAL

Ellettsville, IN (May 31, 2016): On May 22nd, the Ellettsville Police Department received numerous complaints from attendees of St. John's Catholic Church after morning Mass. Deputy Chief Anthony Bowlen took reports from at least six people who attended the morning Mass and later that day were seen at IU Health Bloomington Hospital for symptoms they described as ranging from nausea, increased blood pressure, anxiety, lethargy and paranoia. Urinalysis screens in those seen by IU Health Bloomington Hospital were positive for Cannabinoids. Each of these attendees claim to have been given a cookie by a fellow church goer after the service.

Officer Zachary Michael is investigating.