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# Five suspects to face charges for allegedly illegal marijuana dispensary

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SHELBY TOWNSHIP — On Jan. 28, five suspects were arraigned on multiple counts of delivery of marijuana, possession with intent to deliver marijuana, and conspiracy charges in connection to an allegedly illegal marijuana dispensary. The charges are all four-year felonies.

The suspects are Danny Jamil, 36, of Warren; Ryan Masters, 31, of Sterling Heights; Andrew Zuhrah, 24, of Shelby Township; David Carbone, 25, of Roseville; and David Pando, 23, of Washington Township.

On Feb. 4, Shelby Township 41-A District Court Judge Douglas Shepherd granted the request of defense attorney Zoran Mitrovski, who represents all five

defendants, to adjourn his clients' probable cause conference.

Mitrovski told Shepherd that he had received the discovery in the case from the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office at approximately 4:30 p.m. the day before and that he needed more time to go over it.

At press time, the five suspects were scheduled to return to the 41-A District Court in Shelby Township for a combined probable cause conference and preliminary examination Feb. 9.

Police said the suspects were running a marijuana dispensary, which is not allowed under Shelby Township's ordinance, under the guise of a medical supply store called Advance Medical Supply, 51310 Van Dyke Ave., north of 23 Mile Road.

Shelby Township Police Chief Robert

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# Charges

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Shelide said the suspects were operating outside of the Medical Marihuana Act in the volume of marijuana that they were selling and the manner in which they were selling it.

At approximately noon on July 10, 2015, about 50 officers, including agents from the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Agency, searched five locations — four residences and the dispensary. They arrested Jamil, Zuhra, Carbone and Pando at the dispensary and Masters near his residence in Sterling Heights, police said.

According to a Shelby Township Police Department press release, police seized nearly 12 pounds of marijuana, 100 jars of a potent waxy material known as "Shatter," 101 jars of THC extract, 993 assorted edible cannabis treats, a large variety of drug paraphernalia, two handguns, a shotgun and \$10,000 in cash at the dispensary. They also impounded four cars at the dispensary that they said are subject to forfeiture.

Police reportedly recovered money, 3 pounds of marijuana and documents relating to Advance Medical Supply at the residences.

Police said that they seized a total of approximately \$11,000 in cash. The business was emptied and the contents are subject to forfeiture, police said.

Shelide said Advance Medical Supply opened in February 2015, and police soon began receiving complaints of suspicious activity. After surveillance and undercover buys, law enforcement executed the search warrants, he said.

"We were suspicious from the beginning when they said they were going to be selling crutches, walkers, et cetera, and the fire inspector went in to do the initial inspection (a month after they opened) and there was nothing in there whatsoever," Shelide said in an interview last July. "They also wouldn't let us in past a certain point, so we got really suspicious."

Shelide estimated the business was making approximately \$8,000



Photo by Donna Agusti

From left, defendants Ryan Masters, 31, of Sterling Heights; David Pando, 23, of Washington Township; Danny Jamil, 36, of Warren; Andrew Zuhra, 24, of Shelby Township; and David Carbone, 25, of Roseville, stand beside their defense attorney, Zoran Mitrovski, far right, at the 41-A District Court in Shelby Township Feb. 4.

per day and the entire seizure's street value to be \$50,000-\$100,000.

He said the Shelby Township Police Department worked closely with the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office.

"I absolutely agree with the charges issued by the Macomb

County Prosecutor's Office," Shelide said Jan. 29. "I think they are very appropriate."

Mitrovski declined to comment on the case before he had a chance to go through the discovery.

All five of the suspects are free on personal bond.

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