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NATION'S LARGEST CIVIL FINE LEVIED AGAINST RETAIL STORE FOR SELLING ILLEGAL "SPICE" PRODUCTS

DENVER—Colorado Attorney General John Suthers today announced that Sang Leaming owner of Tobacco King will pay \$100,000 for selling "spice" products that contained synthetic cannabinoids and which are illegal under Colorado law. Tobacco King sold products that were deceptively labeled and failed to disclose that they were illegal as well as harmful. The terms of the Consent Judgment impose the nation's largest-ever civil fine for selling Spice products against a single store.

"Spice is a dangerous, volatile drug that is illegal despite the claims of many store owners that it is not," said Suthers. "My office will continue working with our law enforcement partners and the retail industry to remove spice from store shelves and prosecute peddlers of these products," Suthers warned.

The Attorney General filed the lawsuit after the Colorado Department of Revenue, Liquor & Tobacco Enforcement Division, removed 1,049 containers of spice products from Tobacco King. That lawsuit was the [first of four lawsuits filed](#) in the past year by the Colorado Attorney General's Office against storeowners for falsely advertising and selling spice as legal and safe.

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