

Item #7⁽¹⁶⁾

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
2:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 28, 2014**

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF
COMMISSIONER JACOBS**



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Honorable Kristin Jacobs
Commissioner
Broward County Governmental Center
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room #414
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Dear Commissioner Jacobs:

Kratom is a plant that contains numerous compounds, one of which is a compound called Mitragynine. Mitragynine is the compound responsible for all the pharmacological effects of the plant Kratom. We have received some submissions (less than 20) into the laboratory, usually as a powder inside a capsule similar to a vitamin, and report it as "no controlled substance" because the compound Mitragynine is not controlled under State Statutes. Currently the state has not scheduled Mitragynine in FSS, but has been monitoring it.

We are not aware of any of our narcotics units having encountered any cases where Kratom was identified. Since Kratom is not regulated and users do not know the contents it may create a dangerous situation. We fully support the Commission's position to add Kratom to the banned substance ordinance and introduce legislation to ban the substance statewide. It is much more effective to be out in front of the problem prior than to try and catch up.

Captain Christophers will be in attendance at the Tuesday, October 28, 2 p.m. Public Hearing. If there is any further information needed, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,


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