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DATE: 03/29/2013
NATURE OF INCIDENT: Last Place On Earth - Owner & Son Arrested
CASE NO.: 13059298
INCIDENT DATE :03/29/2013
INCIDENT TIME: 2:20 PM
INCIDENT LOCATION: Last Place On Earth, 120 East Superior Street
SUBJECT: Last Place On Earth - Owner and Son Arrested
BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen (218) 390-2232

On Friday, March 29th, 2013 at 2:20PM PM the Duluth Police Department and Lake Superior Drug & Violent Crime Task Force executed a search warrant at the Last Place On Earth, 120 East Superior Street.

Miscellaneous items of evidence were taken including; suspected controlled substances, US currency, documents and one firearm. During the search warrant execution the store's owner James Carlson, a 55 year old Superior, Wisconsin resident and his son Joseph Gellerman, a 34 year old resident of Duluth were both arrested on probable cause based on prior sales of illegal controlled substances to undercover police officers.

For the last 2 years problems with synthetic drugs and the behaviors around the Last Place on Earth in Downtown Duluth has been a major concern for our citizens, business community and the police department. It has had a devastating impact on the surrounding businesses and the perception of Old Downtown. In addition, we have seen a big increase in the number of police calls around the business and for incidents involving those using synthetic drugs. We will remain focused on this ever evolving nuisance until the problem is eradicated.

Both James Carlson and Joseph Gellerman were transported to the Saint Louis County Jail and each booked for (3) Counts of 4th Degree Sale of Controlled Substance. Charges related to the execution of the search warrant are pending. The case remains under investigation and no further information is available at this time.

No booking photos were available at the time of this press release.

