



Alert: Vape Shops Closure, Marijuana Confiscation & In-App Gambling



Three vape shops in Newport News were closed after police confiscated more than 62lbs of marijuana, numerous THC vapes, psilocybin (mushrooms), and edibles. These locations were in the "midtown" section of Newport News past J. Clyde Morris Blvd. Following the search, Mouhamed El Jily was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana and firearms offense.

'That win comes just two months after city leaders started cracking down on vape shops. An ordinance that passed unanimously in September changed where smoke shops can be located, their hours, and eliminated the ability to make sales via a drive-thru."

Major media corporations are merging and introducing betting onto their streaming platforms. On the "Peacock" platform owned and operated by NBCUniversal airs televised basketball games with a prompt asking viewers to "choose a scorecard". This is a pre-made betting slip that viewers can choose for free and earn "points".

As the game continues viewers can check the scorecard to see if they're winning. The platform keeps track of your bets across games over time and presents as a harmless game, priming youth under 21 and adults in an effort to normalize problem gambling.

