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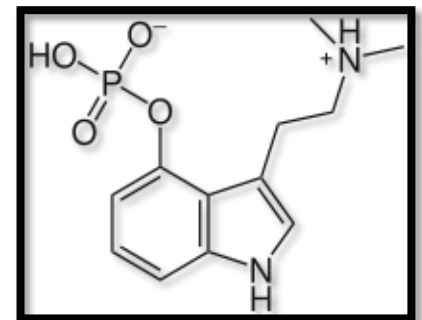
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Psychedelic Mushrooms

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While emphasis remains focused (and rightfully so) on major illicit drug eradication/interdiction efforts, officers and agencies should remain aware of the presence of less commonly abused drugs. One of these is what is typically referred to as the psychedelic mushroom. These hallucinogens are listed by the DEA as Schedule I. There are approximately 200 documented mushroom species known to produce hallucinogenic effects. The source of these effects is the compound Psilocybin.

Typical "trips" experienced through mushroom ingestion generally last from 4 to 8 hours. Common effects reported include distorted perceptions of reality, as well as auditory and visual hallucinations.



Chemical Composition of Psychedelic Mushrooms

Officers (particularly those tasked to working on indoor marijuana grows) may see evidence of mushroom grows in the course of an indoor marijuana investigation.



Items to look for may include typical dirt and mulch as well as syringes (spores are typically shipped in syringes), rye, straw, horse manure, wood pellets (all used as growing mediums) as well as typical dehydrating equipment and scales.

As with indoor marijuana grows, there are vast internet resources and companies dedicated to mushroom production. Recent cases in Kentucky, particularly in the Bowling Green area indicate a continued presence and market for these hallucinogens with officers reporting multi pound seizures and indoor growing equipment being used. It should be noted that typical pricing ranges from \$20 to \$25 per ounce of product.

