

# State Lawmakers Push For Bill To Legalize Marijuana Delivery

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**DENVER (CBS4)** – A bill before the Colorado State Legislature would allow legalized delivery of marijuana.

State Rep. Jonathan Singer and others are behind the push to make delivery of pot in Colorado legal.

CBS4's Rick Sallinger interviews State Rep. Jonathan Singer. (credit: CBS)

"We already have liquor delivery and people are able to get their prescription drugs delivered to their door," he told CBS4 investigator Rick Sallinger.

He says marijuana delivery is the next logical step.

But we found it's already going on through the black market. Craigslist is loaded with marijuana sellers offering delivery.

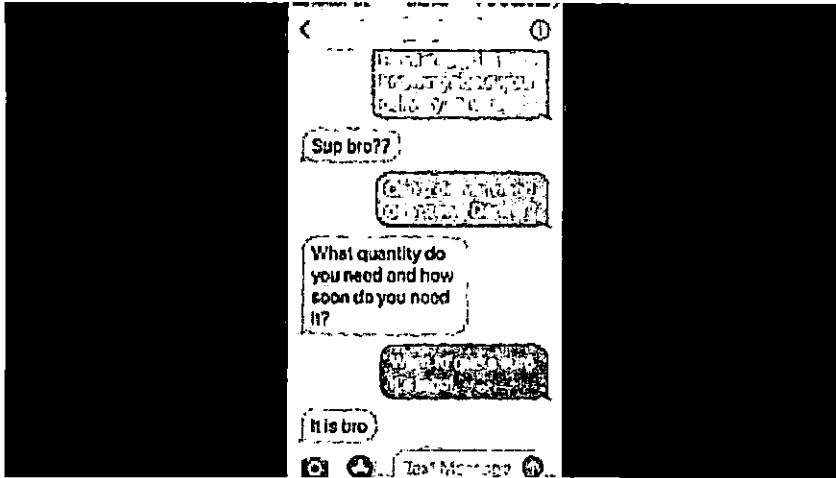


In the past, CBS4 showed such deliveries were happening to locations the buyer specified. Then the seller would ask for "donations" for their services.

On Monday, CBS4 tried again. We texted one ad offering marijuana delivery.

The person answered: “Sup Bro??”

“Can u (sic) deliver weed downtown Denver” CBS4 asked. The advertiser responded, “What quantity do you need and how soon do you need it?”



(credit: CBS)

CBS4 showed Singer how the text exchanged continued.

“I say ‘Want to make sure it’s legal.’ He says ‘It is bro.’ Is it?” Sallinger asked.

“It shouldn’t be and that’s what we need to do take it out of the shadows and a regulated system,” Singer said.

That’s what other states have done and maybe too, Colorado. Oregon, California, and Nevada have had some form of legalized marijuana delivery.

It was introduced last year in the Colorado legislature and failed then. Sponsors are hoping this time around will be different.

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Lieutenant  
(Retired, Redondo Beach Police)

Via hand delivery to  
Senator Time Neville  
Representative Jonathan Singer  
Representative Jovan Melton

February 12, 2018

Re: Allow Legal Medical Marijuana Delivery in Colorado

Dear Senator Neville, Representative Singer and Representative Melton,

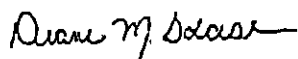
Thank you for taking up the important issue of medical cannabis delivery in HB 1092. By now we have learned that regulating cannabis responsibly means we enhance public safety, use critical fiscal resources more efficiently and help repair the public's respect and trust in our peace officers.

During more than 20 years in law enforcement, I made numerous arrests as a longtime foot soldier of the war on drugs. After joining the Redondo Beach Police Department in 1983, I went from a Patrol Officer to Sergeant in the Special Investigations Unit, finally retiring as a Lieutenant Commander in 2004.

During my time on the front-lines, I saw that illegal operators on street corners hurt everyone. With regulated, licensed delivery, patients can access their medication through safe and professional delivery services. When these services are sourced through compliant dispensaries, use good drivers, easily trackable routes enabled with current technology, they are one of the best ways for cities to ensure safety for citizens and patients and law enforcement.

Illegal delivery services proliferate and in the current environment, there is no way to know that patients with medical marijuana recommendations from their doctors are the recipients of the medication. Only with regulated delivery can Colorado do this. Banning delivery, on the opposite end of the spectrum, is a failed policy. From a law enforcement officer's perspective, I am asking that you please allow safe home delivery of medical marijuana.

Sincerely,



Diane Goldstein  
Lieutenant (Retired, Redondo Beach Police)

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Dear Senator Neville, Representatives Singer and Melton,

As Colorado considers the legalization of delivery services in HB 1092, I am writing in support of your bill because prohibition of delivery is a hopeless failure. History has unmistakably shown us that sick people who want marijuana for their ailments are able to get it, if only through crooks. Wouldn't it be better to get it to them safely?

Experience shows us that bans on medical marijuana services like delivery directly give rise to a dangerous and illegal market, violence, and ineffective use of law enforcement resources. Furthermore, bans like these open the door for criminals to sell dangerous, often polluted substances both to adults and to children, which is the last thing we want to see. As a former federal prosecutor, criminal defense attorney and trial judge, I have seen this to be true. Unfortunately, a quick internet search shows there are multiple illegal delivery services operating in plain daylight and advertising openly online in Denver alone. Because Colorado provides no legal mechanism for responsible, safe operators to participate, its citizens get un-vetted, unmanaged (and untaxed) delivery operations all around the state.

I know my fellow law enforcement officers are concerned about allowing delivery. But adopting sensible regulations like those in Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, New York and Florida, to name a few, would provide a safe way to regulate and control cannabis. And this would, in turn, put our tax dollars towards a thoughtful and workable approach, and enhanced resources for their important law enforcement efforts that keep us safe.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue, and if I can provide you with additional information or support, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Judge James P. Gray (Ret.)  
Superior Court of Orange County, California  
Speaker for Law Enforcement Action Partnership

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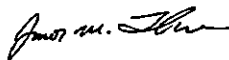
Dear Senator Neville, Representative Singer and Representative Melton,  
Having served in Colorado law enforcement, I am writing in support of SB 192 that would allow legal marijuana delivery to patients.

I specifically want to ask that Colorado give patients safe, fast delivery services operated by dispensaries. It makes sense to have drivers with background checks replacing the illegal street sellers that make drugs so easy for our kids to get. With licensed deliveries, good businesses won't deliver to anyone but adult patients.

One of the most important things is for law enforcement and communities to know the good actors in this essential industry. Patients need access to their medication discreetly, safely and professionally with the full oversight of the Marijuana Enforcement Division and they need to know that their medicine came from an approved business.

Law enforcement and community safety rests on bringing this unregulated industry into the light, allowing officers, neighbors, and patients to know where and how to get clean, legitimate medicine from compliant dispensaries. We have to stop the access to illegal medical marijuana especially now that California has legalized it.

Sincerely,



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