

How Serious is Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

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Possession of drug paraphernalia is a residual charge usually added on to a drug possession or drug trafficking charge. While [possession of drug paraphernalia](#) is a first-degree misdemeanor, it is punishable by up to a year in jail and expensive fines. Even if you walk away on probation for the misdemeanor offense, you most likely could end up with a permanent criminal record.

Drug Possession and Paraphernalia in Long Key

A Monroe County sheriff's deputy saved the life of a Miami man hallucinating on mushrooms and apparently intent on drowning himself Saturday. Daniel Yepez, 21, began running when Deputy Nicholis Whiteman responded to a call. Yepez ran into the water saying he wanted to drown. Deputy Whiteman and Yepez's friend Jason Mavila ran after him. The three struggled but Whiteman got Yepez into a bear hug and managed to drag him to shore.

Yepez was finally pulled from the water, handcuffed, and taken to Fisherman's Hospital in Marathon for treatment. His friends told deputies that Yepez ate mushrooms and started to act strangely and talk about death. He was treated at the hospital then taken to jail. Yepez was charged with resisting arrest with violence, [possessing marijuana](#), and possessing drug paraphernalia.

By then, Yepez had apparently come down from his suicidal high, according to the Palm Beach Post. After Whiteman gave Yepez his Miranda warning, he admitted to owning the "green leafy substance" and a pack of Zig Zag rolling papers found in a can.

Whiteman wrote, "Yepez thanked me for potentially saving his life."

Drug Possession and Paraphernalia Criminal Defense

A [criminal defense lawyer](#) can help you defend yourself against a drug possession charge. Police need legal reasons to stop and search someone or their vehicle for drugs or paraphernalia, which falls under search and seizure laws.

Possession of drug paraphernalia is possession of anything that can be used to package, carry, or consume drugs such as a baggy, pipe, needle, or a bong. These items can be considered paraphernalia as long as there is drug residue left in them. A [criminal defense lawyer](#) can help you understand the process of what happens after you have been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Have you ever been charged with drug possession or possession of drug paraphernalia? Tell us your story.
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