



## NEWS RELEASE

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On August 20, 2014, the Portage Department of Public Safety and the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office began conducting a joint investigation involving the tampering of packages of over-the-counter vitamins.

Information was received from Meijer, Inc. that they had discovered packages of vitamins that had been tampered. It appeared the vitamins were purchased and taken home by the suspect. In some cases, the suspect opened the bottles of vitamins, switched the vitamins with other items, and then resealed the packages. The suspect then returned the packages to the store, and the items were returned to the shelves. Some of the bottles that were in the packages were the original vitamin bottles, other non-labeled prescription bottles, and bottles that were painted black.

Some of the items that were placed in the vitamin bottles were candy, chocolate chips, walnuts, and cat food. Some of the bottles that were returned also contained prescription medication such as Sotalol, Coumadin, and 800 mg Ibuprofen.

The primary vitamin that has been affected is Mega Red Ultra Strength Omega-3 Krill Oil.

Meijer, Inc., has notified all of their stores and have checked their products and removed any suspicious items. We are currently checking with other local merchants to find out if any of their products have been tampered.

Please be aware when purchase any vitamins or over-the-counter medications you look at the packaging and the product inside the bottles. If you notice anything suspicious please contact the store manager and advise them of your concerns.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, [www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com](http://www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com).

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