

Ludlow High School students taken to hospital after ingesting high grade marijuana

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LUDLOW — Police said two Ludlow High School students were taken to the hospital Thursday afternoon after it appeared they ingested high grade THC (marijuana) at the high school.

Their injuries were non-life threatening, Police Sgt. Daniel Valadas said. He said the students, a freshman and a junior, were taken to Baystate Medical Center by Fire Department ambulance.

"We are continuing to investigate," Valadas said. "I can't remember the last time we had multiple ambulances respond to Ludlow High School."

Valadas said it appears there were no pills or prescription drugs involved, no opiates or cocaine.

There also was no alcohol involved, he said. "This was a THC event."

From the police investigation, it appears some students had cooked the marijuana, which is referred to as dabbing, to an oily extract and placed it in e-cigarettes.

The cigarettes give a hallucinogenic high and resulted in a medical crisis for the two students, Valadas said.

"We think other students were involved as well," Valadas said.

He said there was a "soft lockdown" Thursday afternoon at Ludlow High School.

A search with dogs on Friday did not turn up any more evidence, he said.

The high school staff is involved in the investigation, Valadas said.

He said parents should be vigilant about talking to their children about this high grade marijuana. Sometimes butane torch devices, which are highly flammable, are used in cooking the marijuana.

"Sometimes parents are too complacent," Valadas said, adding that marijuana is illegal. Valadas said there were a lot of rumors among the students on social media. It does not appear that Ecstasy was involved, he said.