

# Raids target THC-based products

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Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach and Kansas Bureau of Investigation director Tony Mattivi announced that 10 stores that sell THC-infused products were raided on Oct. 1.

It's the first in a string of raids planned, with more expected to follow on Oct. 2. In Topeka, Sacred Leaf at 2201 SW Gage Boulevard was raided.

Other stores across the state that were raided were as follows:

- Two EZ Smoke and Vape locations



Kansas Bureau of Investigations director Tony Mattivi walks toward a press conference at Memorial Hall on Oct. 1. EVERT NELSON/THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

in Wichita.

- Whiskey River Trading in Pratt.
- Cigarette Outlet in Pratt.
- Pratt Tobacco and Vape in Pratt.
- Space Out Smoke Vapor and Tobacco in Salina.
- Vapor 100 in Salina.
- Mountain Gypsy Vape Shop in Concordia.
- The Hanging Leaf in McPherson.
- Sacred Leaf in Topeka.

"All of the locations that we identified were places where undercover agents have entered in the past and made

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# Hutch Art Center hosts auction Oct. 18



Emily Kohls, executive director for the Hutchinson Art Center, looks through Japanese-style paintings from an unknown artist. These paintings will be among those up for auction at the Oct. 18 auction at the center.

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The Hutchinson Art Center is offering the chance for people to add to their art collections, or maybe start one.

More than 120 pieces are available at the next consignment art auction, which will take place on Oct. 18.

Taking place twice a year part of the proceeds from these auctions help with operational expenses, events, workshops, classes and more.

"The auctions are our biggest fundraisers right now," said Emily Kohls, executive director at the art center.

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Art pieces line the wall in the main gallery at the Hutchinson Art Center. These pieces will be among the more than 120 that will up for auction at the center's next consignment auction, taking place on Oct. 18.



The Kansas Supreme Court has declined to hear an appeal of a decision regarding driver's licenses for transgender people.

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## Court won't hear appeal of driver's license case

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The Kansas Supreme Court has declined to hear a case about whether a state law prohibits transgender people from changing their gender marker on their driver's license.

The high court issued a one-sentence order on Sept. 29 denying the petition for review filed by Attorney General Kris Kobach's office.

"Considered by the Court and denied," said the order signed by Chief Justice Marla Luckert.

Kobach was appealing a June 13 decision of the Kansas Court of Appeals that reversed a Shawnee County District Court decision that blocked the Kansas Department of Revenue under Gov. Laura Kelly from changing gender markers on driver's licenses.

Spokespeople for Kobach, Kelly and KDOR didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

The lawsuit remains ongoing. The case now goes back to Shawnee County District Court for further proceedings, but it will be with a new judge. The Kansas Court of Appeals said that's because the lower court had "already stated its opinion on the merits" of constitutional claims.

The legal case stems from Senate Bill 180, a 2023 law also known as the Women's Bill of Rights, that strictly defines sex

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