

## Kratom Bulletin

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**Kratom** is the street name for the plant *Mitragyna speciosa*, a tree native to Southeast Asia. Leaves from the plant contain multiple psychoactive substances with effects ranging from stimulant-like to opiate-like. It was almost made a Schedule 1 substance in 2016 however it is still lawful to possess, use, buy, sell, etc., in Idaho.

Kratom is usually sold in powder form or in capsules and is usually ingested. It can also be eaten in leaf form, smoked, or snorted. Powder forms are almost always mixed with another drink, commonly orange juice, because they taste horrible. Some users make a tea from the powder as well.

The drug is used more and more by a variety of people. MPD DREs have evaluated multiple people under the influence of Kratom which were charge for DUI within the last year and the occurrences appear to be increasing quickly.

There have also been 3 reported unattended deaths since 2016 where Kratom was in possession.

