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Pizza Parlor Fronted For Drug Deliveries More than just cheese and sausage in the box

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If the customer wanted a special topping, Bianco's Pizza was ready to oblige. Until the police found out.

The special toppings turned out to be marijuana (“extra spinach”) or crack cocaine (“extra cheese”).

Entrepreneur Jaimie Bianco, who inherited Pappy's Pizza and renamed it Bianco's, was arrested in the restaurant after the police found drugs in the pizza boxes and in the office safe yesterday. Bianco is charged with violating state laws for distributing drugs. And the feds are considering filing RICO (Racketeering) charges.

“It was ingenious and certainly convenient for the so-called “recreational [drug] user,” stated Assistant State's Attorney Shelly Weed, head of the Thompson County Drug Prosecution Unit. “An alert police officer should get most of the credit for breaking this case. Officer Cary Cartman of the Marshall City Police Force somehow put the pieces together and uncovered this operation.”

Here's how it worked: a drug customer would call Bianco's and, using a code, would order a pizza with a “special topping.” This request led to a special operator, and more code words would indicate the quantity and identity of the drugs being ordered. Bianco's would then deliver a pizza with the drugs inside the pizza box.

Officer Cartman declined to make any comment about the arrest.

Cartman's father was legendary Marshall City Detective Raymond Cartman who solved the Marshall Strangler case in 1973. There is a special plaque in his honor at the Marshall City Police Academy.

Jaimie Bianco's father, Buck White, managed the business until his murder in June 2003. The restaurant was then known as “Pappy's.”

Rose Marie White, sister to Mr. White and aunt to Bianco, stated, “Jamie ruined Pappy's after Buck's death. Well, now Buck can rest in peace.”

Ms. White stated there are no plans to reopen Bianco's. “But we might reopen Pappy's,” she added.

Sources at the Police Department divulged that Jamie Bianco has several drug arrests and convictions, dating as far back as 2000.

Local celebrity and Bianco's cousin Pat Morton-McCafferty declined to comment.