Pot legalization may not alter enforcement in Nev.

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Should Nevada voters legalize recreational marijuana come Nov. 8, the penalties for the drug's average recreational user will see a massive overhaul.

But in practice, policing of the drug won't change much, Metropolitan Police Department narcotics Sgt. Craig Lousignont said. For the average user, at least.

While the preamble to Question 2, the Initiative to Regulate and Tax Marijuana, states an incentive to passing the act is to "better focus state and local law enforcement resources on crimes involving violence and personal property," Louisgnont said Metro is already doing that.

"We don't go after (marijuana) users right now," he said. "There's more important things to be doing."

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