



# Grown Rogue Launches Edible Line through Partnership with World Renowned Chocolatier

## Dark Chocolate Edibles to be distributed in Oregon and California

**MEDFORD, OREGON – December 10, 2018** -- **Grown Rogue International Inc.** (CSE:GRIN) ("**Grown Rogue**" or the "**Company**"), announces a formal partnership with Jeff Shepherd, voted one of North America's Top 10 Chocolatiers by Pastry Arts and Design. The partnership between Shepherd and Grown Rogue International will feature THC and CBD infused chocolate products under the GRAM and Grown Rogue brands - both wholly owned by Grown Rogue International.

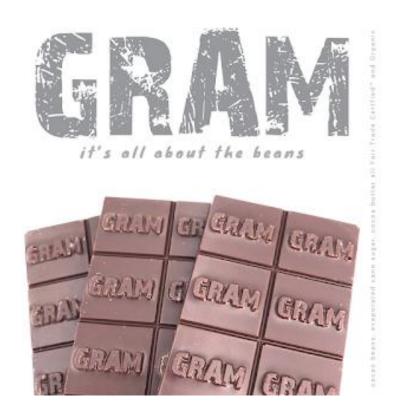
Jeff Shepherd has a world-renowned reputation and has received international awards for his organic, hand-made strikingly delicious creations. Based in Southern Oregon, just 3 miles from the Grown Rogue indoor cultivation center, his chocolate bars, truffles, and caramels have been a favorite of chocolate connoisseurs world-wide. "I've been selectively searching, for many years, for a cannabis company to partner with," said Shepherd. "I knew after my first discussions with Grown Rogue's co-founders that Obie and Sarah Strickler, we're the right fit."

Even before Shepherd and Grown Rogue joined forces, the points of alignment were clear and evident. Both companies pride themselves on organic best practices, both have long standing roots in the Oregon

community, and both have created respected brands that have garnered national attention.

"In carefully analyzing our edible line, we wanted to find an expert that not only shared our values but shared our vision for the right experience for customers," said Obie Strickler, CEO and Co-Founder. "Jeff and his team have been pillars of the community and create delicious products as well as delightful experiences so we were excited to know Jeff felt the same way towards our team," added Sarah Strickler, Grown Rogue Co-Founder and Director of Community Relations.

The first product the partnership will distribute will be under the GRAM brand - focused on high quality, affordable cannabis





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products. "The GRAM brand is the ideal way to launch our partnership as we gain market insights and establish our edibles line of products," added Mr. Strickler. "In 2019, we will launch more edibles under our luxury brand - Grown Rogue," continued Mr. Strickler.

The dark chocolate bar contains 50mg of THC or CBD carefully mixed to ensure the dominant flavor remains the award-winning chocolate recipe.

"As in many areas of the cannabis industry, most edible products have been invented with a 'cannabis first' thought process, but we decided that a more optimal path was to ensure that what we provide to consumers appeals to their senses in terms of look, taste, and aroma. To accomplish this vision, we partnered with one of the most respected chocolatiers in the industry - just in time to have product available for the holiday season," noted Mrs. Strickler.

GRAM Dark Chocolate edibles are now available in a select number of the 221 Oregon dispensaries that carry the Grown Rogue brands. Plans to distribute throughout California are in place for first quarter 2019.

### **About Grown Rogue**

Grown Rogue International (CSE: GRIN) is a **vertically-integrated, multi-state cannabis brand** specializing in "seed to experience" products through an experienced management team, state of the art indoor and outdoor manufacturing facilities, and a proprietary distribution platform featuring an exclusive partnership with Microsoft 365. Grown Rogue's diverse product suite includes premium flower, patent-pending nitrogen sealed pre-rolls, 3.5g flower jars, oil and concentrate distillates, and most recently dark chocolate edibles featuring a partnership with a world-renowned chocolatier.

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