



# Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Yesterday members of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement Unit, Humboldt County Drug Task Force, California Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement - North State Marijuana Investigations Team, California Department of Fish & Game, US Forest Service, and Federal Drug Enforcement Administration executed a search warrant at a property in the Red Cap Creek area of Orleans.

Located at the scene was a commercial indoor marijuana cultivation operation. There were four indoor grow rooms at the property. There were 54 – 1000 watt HPS grow lights in the grow rooms. The indoor marijuana growing operation was being powered by an 85 KW diesel generator. Located in the grow rooms were 1,352 growing marijuana plants.

Also located at the property were 127 drying marijuana plants/branches, approximately 25 pounds of processed marijuana, two scales, and material for packaging marijuana for sales.

Numerous firearms and weapons were located in a residence at the property. Upon initial entry into the residence, police officers located a loaded handgun near the front door of the house. Police officers also located two assault weapons loaded with 30 rounds magazine in the master bedroom of the house. There were numerous extra loaded 30 round magazines for these rifles next to the weapons. In all, two assault weapons, eight handguns, seven rifles, one shotgun, and over 13,500 rounds of ammunition were located at the property.

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Wayne Reed Callagan, 59, was located at the property. At the conclusion of the search warrant service Callagan was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sales, maintaining a place for the manufacture of a controlled substance, and possession of assault weapons.

The property where this indoor marijuana growing operation was located is bordered by US Forest Service Land and by Red Cap Creek, a tributary to the Klamath River. There were conditions present at the property that appeared to be hazardous to the environment and public health, including spilled diesel and oil, improperly stored diesel fuel and waste oil, and improper disposal of solid waste. The generator powering the grow rooms was located outside and was parked about 30 feet from Red Cap Creek. There were also three metal fuel tanks at the property with a combined capacity of over 4000 gallons. These fuel tanks were also housed outside and were located about 50 feet from Red Cap Creek. The generator and the fuel tanks were placed directly on the ground. Upon the initial execution of the search warrant a commercial fuel delivery truck was at the property and was in the process of pumping 4000 gallons of diesel fuel into the fuel tanks at the property.

Because of the apparent environmental and public health conditions present at the property, law enforcement requested that Humboldt County Environmental Health, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District, Humboldt County Solid Waste, and Federal Occupational Health come to the property to further investigate the environmental and public health concerns and assist in mitigating the problems. The California Department of Fish and Game and the US Forest Service also assisted in this portion of the investigation.

Police officers identified a residence located in Redding, CA that the suspect in this case was renting. Police officers contacted the Shasta Interagency Narcotics Task Force who obtained a search warrant for that residence. There, police agents seized two handguns, one rifle, and two shotguns.

Other suspects have been identified in this commercial marijuana cultivation and distribution operation. This investigation is continuing, and additional arrests may be made.

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