



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: May 12, 2010

From: Brenda Godsey, PIO
(707) 268-3645

Subject: Drugs Found at House / Multiple Arrests Made

Case: 201003182

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Early yesterday morning Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies arrested three people at a Eureka residence after finding methamphetamine, cocaine, and marijuana at the house. The case began yesterday morning around 1:30 a.m. when a deputy conducted a traffic stop. There were seven people inside the car, including a juvenile who was on formal probation and violating his 8:00 p.m. curfew. Upon returning the juvenile to his father's residence on Maple Lane in Eureka, deputies learned that three of the four adult residents there were on parole or probation with search clauses. Additionally, there was a four-year-old child in the house.

Deputies searched the residence and located 25.1 grams of suspected methamphetamine, 6.2 grams of cocaine, and 53 growing marijuana plants in a sophisticated indoor grow-room. They also found one pound of processed marijuana.

The methamphetamine and cocaine were hidden inside a wall in which the drywall had been cut away and major appliances were used to hide the hole.

Deputies arrested the following people:

Alvin Lee Backues Jr., 41, for possession of a controlled substance, possession of a narcotic controlled substance, sales of a controlled substance, possession of a narcotic controlled substance for sale, providing a space for the storage of a controlled substance, cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana and a parole violation. He is not eligible to post bail due to his parole status.

- more -

Sean Lee Backues, 22, was booked for providing a space for the storage of a controlled substance, cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana, and possession of a hypodermic syringe. His bail has been set at \$30,000.

Cesar Palominos Cuevas, 34, was booked for the cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana, illegal entry into the United State (an immigration detainer). He is not eligible to post bail.

All three are expected to be arraigned by Thursday.

Gary Philp
Sheriff

####