

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Date: 05-02-2013 From: Lt. Steve Knight

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Subject: Marijuana Investigation Case: 201302142

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 05-01-2013, approximately 12:00 p.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit (C.R.U), assisted by Rio Dell Police served a Humboldt County Superior Court Search warrant for marijuana on five storage units on Northwestern Avenue, Rio Dell. The deputies had been working on this investigation for over a month after receiving citizen complaints. The storage units were located in the old Eel River Saw Mills Industrial Park Planer Shack which had been converted to other industrial use. When deputies arrived on scene they located a sophisticated marijuana growing operation in the storage units which contained approximately 4,300 growing marijuana plants ranging in size from three inches to five feet, approximately 76 pounds of dried processed marijuana, and 49 Peyote buttons. They also located two aggressive Pitbull Terriers at the grow site and evidence that someone lived at the storage site. While deputies were searching, the person who lived on site arrived on scene and was arrested for cultivation and possession for sale of marijuana, along with possession of an illicit drug. He was identified at Geoffrey Allan Davis, 32 years old. Davis was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked and released.

Davis girlfriend was called to the scene and took custody of the two Pitbulls.

Some of the storage units had medical marijuana cards posted in them, however due to the quantity of marijuana, package material, scales and other evidence indicating this was a commercial "For Sale" growing operation all of the marijuana was removed. Deputies are still investigating other suspect's involvement and anticipate arrest warrants being issued.

Anyone with information for the Sheriffs Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriffs Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey Sheriff

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