



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 06-18-2013

From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Marijuana Investigation

Case: 201302947

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 06-17-2013, approximately 9:00 a.m. Humboldt County Sheriffs Deputies assisted by Humboldt County Drug Task Force Agents served a Humboldt County Superior Court Search Warrant in the 25000 block of Highway 36, Bridgeville. When the deputies served the search warrant they located a sophisticated indoor and an outdoor marijuana growing operation. Many of the outdoor marijuana plants were already in the flowering stage. Deputies located 624 marijuana plants ranging from 4" to 12" in height growing indoors and 590 marijuana plants ranging from 6" to 4' tall growing outdoors. Deputies also located a loaded rifle.

Due to electrical fire hazards at the indoor marijuana grow operation, the Humboldt County Planning Department and Pacific Gas and Electric was called to the scene. They determined there was a hazard and shut off the electricity.

At the property, deputies contacted Kelly Valentine, 39 years old and her two teenage children. Due to jail overcrowding, Kelly was issued a notice to appear for cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale and maintaining a residence for the unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance and released at the scene.

Deputies have identified one more suspect in this case and are seeking an arrest warrant through the Humboldt County District Attorneys Office for his arrest.

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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