



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Marijuana Investigation

Case: 201303514

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On 07-10-2013, approximately 12:00 p.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office assisted by the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (H.C.D.T.F) served a Humboldt County Superior Court Search Warrant for marijuana in the 4700 block of Wiregrass Ridge Road, Fieldbrook. Sheriff Deputies obtained the search warrant after receiving information by citizens about the commercial marijuana growing operation.

When Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies and H.C.D.T.F. Agents arrived on scene they located three structures and greenhouses. No one was located at the scene. Deputies searched the structures and greenhouses. One structure was two stories and was estimated to be 3,500 square feet. The downstairs was being used solely to cultivate marijuana indoors and the upstairs was being used to process and dry marijuana. Another structure was estimated to be 2000 square feet and was only being used to grow marijuana indoors. Deputies located marijuana being cultivated in seven greenhouses and outside. A total of 1449 growing marijuana plants ranging from 1 ½ feet tall to 4 feet tall were located along with 180 pounds of marijuana bud. The indoor marijuana grows contained a total of seventy two 1000 watt lights with ballasts and hoods which were dormant when deputies arrived; they were being powered by a 100 KW generator which deputies seized. Deputies saw the generator was leaking diesel and oil onto the ground and Humboldt County Environmental Health was notified of the leaking fuel and environmental damage. A third structure approximately 200 square feet was located that was being used as a residence. A loaded 12 gauge pump shotgun was located next to the structure being used as the residence.

The investigation is ongoing into the suspect(s) responsible for this case.

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

Mike Downey
Sheriff



























