



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Marijuana Investigation

Case: 201304897
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09-24-2013, Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies assisted by the Cannabis Eradication and Reclamation Team (C.E.R.T.) eradicated a large marijuana cultivation site on Barnum Timber Property, Garberville area. Deputies located and eradicated 9,056 growing marijuana plants ranging in height from 4' to 6'. Deputies found rodenticides, fertilizers and environmental damage caused by clearing of brush and timber, along with a stream diversion.

On 09-25-2013, Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies assisted by the C.E.R.T. eradicated a large marijuana cultivation site again on Barnum Timber and adjacent private property in the Garberville area. Deputies located and eradicated 5,717 growing marijuana plants ranging in height from 4' to 6' tall. They again found rodenticides, fertilizers and environmental damage caused by clearing of brush and timber, along with stream diversion. They also found a trail of marijuana leaves which they followed to a residence. A search warrant was obtained for the residence. Upon serving the search warrant on the residence deputies discovered the residence was being exclusively used to process and dry marijuana. Deputies located and seized 600 pounds of marijuana from the residence. No one was in the residence when the search warrant was served.

On 09-26-2013, Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies assisted by the C.E.R.T. eradicated a large marijuana cultivation site on Benbow State Park property and adjacent private property. Deputies located and eradicated 6,750 growing marijuana plants at this location along with a stream diversion and other environmental damage. The plants at this location ranged in size from 3' to 7' tall.

The estimated value of the total marijuana seized is conservatively 21 million dollars.

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

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