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Multiple Arrests Related to Marijuana Cultivation

On December 13, 2011, after an extensive follow-up investigation stemming from the seizure of multiple commercial marijuana growing operations in the Dinsmore area in October, the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office Criminal Investigations Bureau, assisted by the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDTF) and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department (HCSO), served search warrants on several locations in an attempt to locate and arrest Courtney Fleming and Tyler Meenan.

Fleming was located and arrested for Possession of Marijuana for Sale and Cultivation of Marijuana pursuant to an arrest warrant issued for his role as a property owner related to the marijuana seized in Dinsmore. A search of Fleming's Fieldbrook residence led to the seizure of additional evidence indicating that he maintained that residence for the purposes of cultivating marijuana.

Tyler Meenan was located and arrested for Possession of Marijuana for Sale and Cultivation of Marijuana pursuant to an arrest warrant issued for his role (property owner) regarding the marijuana seized in Dinsmore. A search of his Arcata residence led to the seizure of additional evidence believed to be related to illegal drug trafficking.

3780 Jones Court, Fortuna was also searched pursuant to the search warrant. Seized from this location was approximately 14 pounds of processed marijuana, approximately 100 pounds of dry/unprocessed marijuana, and firearms.

Investigators then went to 1931 Ocean Avenue in McKinleyville in an attempt to locate two individuals who also had outstanding warrants for their arrest (Possession of Marijuana for Sale and Cultivation of Marijuana) for their roles regarding the marijuana seized in Dinsmore.

Although unable to locate those persons, investigators detected the overwhelming odor of growing marijuana emitting from the entire area of the apartment complex, consisting of 13 individual units. One unit was searched with the consent of the occupant, which revealed a functional indoor marijuana growing operation but no growing marijuana plants.

A search warrant was sought and obtained for 11 of the 12 remaining apartments (1897, 1899, 1901, 1903, 1905, 1921, 1923, 1925, 1931, 1933, and 1935 Ocean Drive), 1941 Ocean Drive and several vehicles. Each location contained evidence of a functional indoor marijuana growing operation.

Arrested and booked at the HCCF were the following persons:

- Barbara Alice Benson, 1/10/45
- Kimberly Grace Mundy 06/18/63
- Dustin Ray Garnier 9/13/75
- Nicole M Rahman 07/16/85
- Patrick Majewski 01/15/83
- Vanessa Blount 12/15/86
- Robert Davis Cox 07/15/81

Anyone with information about the whereabouts Paul Givens and Vanessa Flieg is encouraged to contact the nearest local law enforcement agency.