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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Re: Evidence Seized & Dispensary Owner Arrested in DOJ/DA Operation

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On Thursday, April 5, 2012, the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office Investigative Bureau assisted the Department of Justice Marijuana Eradication team in serving several search warrants on individuals and dispensaries suspected of operating illegal marijuana operations. The warrants were related to the arrest of William Byron, 42, of Eureka, in Pennsylvania. Byron was charged by Pennsylvania officials with drug trafficking and related offenses and arraigned on Friday. His bail was set at one million dollars.

Byron is the owner of The Herb Center, a cannabis dispensary located at 1670 Myrtle Avenue in Eureka. During the execution of the warrants, officials recovered 4,599 plants, \$17,000 in cash, and 6 firearms, including an illegal assault rifle. Also recovered were 23 large bags of bags of manicured marijuana with a total weight of between 500 and 1,000 pounds.