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Subject: POP Raids 'O' Street Grow House – Weed, Guns, and Body Armor Seized

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On 10/08/12, at about 1:10 PM, investigators with the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing (POP) and Criminal Investigative Services (CIS) Units served a search warrant on a suspected marijuana grow house on the 2700 block of 'O' Street, Eureka. The warrant was in response to citizen complaints about suspected illegal activity there including commercial marijuana cultivation. Investigators detained two adult Laotian males and two adult females inside the residence. Two small children were also present in the home.

During a search of the property, investigators uncovered evidence of a recently harvested for-profit indoor marijuana cultivation operation inside a detached two-car garage. Approximately 24 1/2 pounds of dried, untrimmed marijuana was located inside the garage. Another approximately 3 1/2 pounds of drying marijuana was found inside the main residence along with 8 pounds of processed marijuana packaged for sale in multiple bags. In all, a total of approximately 36 1/2 pounds of marijuana was seized.

Investigators also located 12 firearms in the residence including 8 assault-style rifles (including AR-15 type .223/5.56mm and .22 LR calibers) and 4 handguns. Two of the handguns were loaded. Ammunition and numerous detachable magazines for the weapons were found including 3 illegal high-capacity pistol magazines. A Military issue "Interceptor" body armor vest with ceramic hard armor plates was located with the



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firearms. Additionally, one of the loaded pistols, Glock 22 (.40 caliber), was found under a mattress in one of the bedrooms that was shared by a child.

\$7,980.00 cash was found in the pockets of the two male residents. The cash was seized as suspected marijuana sales proceeds.

Officials with the City of Eureka's Building Department responded to assess safety and code enforcement concerns associated with the indoor marijuana grow. (The grow was determined to be well-outside the provisions of the City's Medical Cannabis Ordinance). Due to electrical/fire hazards (unpermitted/unsafe wiring) that were identified, a PG&E worker was dispatched to cut power to the property. The POP Unit will also be contacting the property owner and issuing a "Notice and Order" requiring the owner(s) to take corrective action to abate the problem.

Resident **Jeperson Mykham (age 24)** was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for unlawful marijuana cultivation, possession of marijuana for sale, maintaining a place for purpose of selling a controlled substance, possession of an assault weapon, unlawful possession of a high capacity magazine, probation violation, and child endangerment. At the time of his arrest, Mykhma was on probation for carrying a concealed firearm.

Resident **Somchanh Khoussinnavong (age 22)** was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for unlawful marijuana cultivation, possession of marijuana for sale, possession of an assault weapon, unlawful possession of a high capacity magazine, and child endangerment.

This investigation is still on-going. Similar charges are anticipated to be filed by the District Attorney's Office against the two adult female residents (who were detained and released at the scene to care for their children).

Anyone with information concerning suspected drug activity occurring in the City of Eureka is encouraged to call the Problem Oriented Policing Unit at (707) 441-4373 or the Humboldt County Drug Task Force at (707) 444-8095. Anyone with information for the Sheriffs Office regarding criminal activity, including drug activity, is encouraged to call the Sheriffs Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line 707-268-2539.

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Jeperson Mykham



Somchanh Khoussinnavong

