



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

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Subject: Large Commercial Marijuana Grow and multiple arrests

Case: 201205048

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On 10-11-2012, approximately 9:30 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office assisted by the Eureka Police Problem Oriented Policing Team, and Humboldt County Drug Task Force served a Humboldt County Superior Court Search Warrant in the 2000 block of Sunset Ridge Road, Blocksburg.

Upon serving the search warrant, deputies located and detained **17** suspects. As deputies arrived and announced their presence one of the suspects, identified as Johines Ibonnet, attempted to jump out the back window of the residence and broke his ankle. He was transported to a local hospital and treated for his injury prior to being booked into jail.

Upon searching the 45 acre parcel deputies found a very large sophisticated marijuana growing and processing operation. The operation consisted of marijuana plants being grown in two large greenhouses estimated to be between 60 feet by 100 feet, along with marijuana plants being grown out in the open and inside the residence. The residence and greenhouses were powered by two commercial sized 25 KW generators. The growing marijuana plants ranged in size from 6 feet to 8 feet tall and were budding. Deputies estimated the growing plants to have at least one to two pounds of marijuana bud being produced on each plant. There were a total of 718 growing marijuana plants located and seized on the property. Inside a large drying shed, estimated to be approximately 60 feet by 40 feet, deputies located and seized approximately 900 lbs of drying marijuana bud. Inside the residence deputies located two

commercial marijuana trimming machines being used to trim the dried marijuana bud from the plants. Deputies also located approximately 132 pounds of dried marijuana bud along with numerous drying racks and 261 sealed bags of marijuana bud ready to sell, estimated to weigh approximately one pound or more each, along with packaging material, scales, a Norinco AK-47 assault rifle with several loaded high capacity magazines, a money counter and approximately \$9,500.00 cash.

A total of approximately 1293 pounds of dried marijuana bud was located. Dried marijuana bud is being sold for approximately \$2,000 a pound. The estimated value of the dried marijuana bud seized is \$2,586,000.00 whole sale. If the live marijuana plants had been harvested they would have yielded conservatively an additional 718 pounds of dried marijuana bud estimated to be \$1,436,000.00 wholesale. The value of the marijuana seized is estimated to be at least **\$4 million dollars in just marijuana bud**, not including the leaves.

Several of the suspects admitted to investigating officers they were hired to work at the marijuana grow as laborers.

The following is a list of who was arrested at the scene and booked in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of Cultivation and Possession for sale of Marijuana, and Conspiracy to Commit a Felony:

Elber Dejesus Ivonnet , male 53 years old from North Bergen, NJ	Bailed
Geyler Melo-Pueyol, male 22 years old from Miami, Florida	In Custody \$75,000.00 bail
Richardo Mateos-Perez, male 22 years old, from Homestead, Florida	In Custody \$75,000.00 bail
Fernando Olvera,, male 39 years old, from Santa Rosa, California	Bailed
Luis Manuel Sosa-Vega, male 47 years old, from Santiago, Cuba	In Custody \$75,000.00 bail
Jose Pulido, male 42 years old, from Los Reva, Mexico	In Custody \$75,000.00 bail, ICE Hold
Hildegarte Safont-Arias male 42 years old, from Hialeah, Florida	In Custody \$75,000.00 bail
Disney Bolanos-Chacon male 41 years old, from Charlotte, N. C.	In Custody \$75,000.00 bail
Jonines Ibonnet, male 42 years, from Oakland, California	Bailed

Terrence Henderson,	male, 43 years old, from Eureka, California	In Custody \$75,000.00 bail
Pauline Ionie Barnes	female, 44 years old, from Green Island, Jamaica	Released on O.R.
Arlettis Rodriguez-Alvarez,	female, 22 years old, from Hialeah, Florida	Released on O.R.
Dayana Isabel Padron	female, 19 years old, from Blocksburg, California	Released on O.R.
Elizabeth Enamorado De Padron,	female, 40 years from Santiago, Cuba	Released on O.R.
Hyacinth Hypatia English,	female, 48 years old, from Bridgeville, California	Released on O.R.
Idalmis Leyva Ivonnet,	female, 62 years old, from Charlotte, N.C.	Released on O.R.

Michael Lewis Iverson Jr., 35 years old from Eureka, California was also arrested at the marijuana growing site, however he was only arrested on an outstanding probation violation warrant with a bail of \$30,000.00.

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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