



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 08-01-2012

From: Sgt. Wayne Hanson
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Subject: Marijuana Investigation

Case: HC12-096

On 08-01-2012 at about 0745 hours the Humboldt County Drug Task Force assisted by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant at a residence located in the 1700 block of Tompkins Hill Road, Fortuna. Officers located a commercial indoor marijuana growing operation in an unattached garage located behind the residence. Officers seized approximately 250 growing marijuana that ranged in size from 2 inches to 5 foot in height.

Officers found evidence of a butane extraction hash lab in the garage. Officers seized 9 rifles and two handguns from the residence along with about 6 pounds of dried marijuana. Officers noticed a possible electrical fire hazard with the indoor marijuana growing operation and they contacted Humboldt County Building and Planning Department, who responded to the scene. Humboldt County Building and Planning Department after inspecting the electrical wiring contacted PG&E to have the electrical power disconnected to the residence, because of the possible fire hazard.

Officers arrested one subject at the residence who they identified as Brian Keith Zacharies age 40. Zacharies was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for cultivation and possession of marijuana for sales, being armed in commission of a felony and for maintaining a hash lab. Zacharies bail has been set at \$500,000 dollars. This case is still under investigation by the Humboldt County Drug Task Force.

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Mike Downey, Sheriff

BRIAN KEITH ZACHARIES

