



# HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **Media Release**

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**Subject:** Cannabis eradication in the Blake Mountain area

On August 13, 2018, deputies with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) served one search warrant to investigate illegal cannabis cultivation in the Blake Mountain area. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Humboldt County Environmental Health and HAZMAT Unit and the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department assisted in the service of the warrant.

One parcel was investigated during the service of the warrant. The parcel did not possess nor was in the process of actively obtaining a commercial cannabis permit with the County of Humboldt.

During the service of the warrant, deputies eradicated approximately 8,855 growing cannabis plants. Deputies also located and seized six firearms.

Assisting agencies found the following violations:

- Three water diversion violations (up to \$8,000 fine per day, per violation)
- Commercial cannabis ordinance violations (up to \$10,000 fine per day)
- Two improper storage and removal of solid waste violations (up to \$25,000 fine per day, per violation)
- Twenty-three grading without a permit violations (up to \$10,000 fine per day, per violation)
- Eleven building code violations (up to \$10,000 fine per day, per violation)
- Three timber-clearing violations (up to \$8,000 fine per day, per violation)
- Three illegal pond violations
- Junk cars violations

No arrests were made during the service of the warrant.

Anyone with information about these cases 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







