HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Media Release

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Subject: Cannabis eradication in the Rancho Sequoia area

On August 14, 2018, deputies with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) served one search warrant to investigate illegal cannabis cultivation in the Rancho Sequoia 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.

The parcel investigated 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 1,336 growing cannabis plants. Assisting agencies also found one water diversion violation (up to $8,000 fine per day).

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