



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Date: 08-16-2012

From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Large Marijuana and Money Seizure

Case: 201204065

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 08-15-2012, approximately 12:00 noon the Humboldt County Sheriffs Office received a call from the Utah Highway Patrol (U.H.P.). The U.H.P. told the Sheriff's Office they had stopped a pickup truck on US I-80 westbound outside Salt Lake City for a traffic violation. After stopping the truck, they officers deployed a K-9 trained to detect narcotics. The K-9 indicated there were narcotics possibly in an after market fuel tank located in the bed of the pickup truck. The officers looked in the fuel tank and located a hidden compartment containing \$500,000.00 in US Currency. The U.H.P. arrested the driver of the vehicle, identified as Larry Edward Treadaway, 61 years old, for money laundering, transportation of contraband in a hidden compartment and conspiracy to distribute contraband, all felonies in Utah. The U.H.P. learned Treadaway was from Humboldt County. After speaking with the Highway Patrol Officers, Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies learned Treadaway lived at a residence in the Island Mountain (South Eastern Humboldt) area of Humboldt County.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office obtained a Humboldt County Superior Court search warrant based upon the information provided by the U.H.P. Deputies. Deputies responded to the 600 block of South Face Road, Island Mountain, and served the search warrant. The deputies were assisted by the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (H.C.D.T.F.). Upon arriving at the 37 acre parcel which included a residence, deputies located five large green houses containing growing marijuana and outdoor growing marijuana plants. Deputies seized 1, 242 growing marijuana plants approximately five feet in height, along with approximately 65 pounds of processed marijuana, 232 pounds of drying marijuana bud, 46 pounds of marijuana bud packaged for sale in one pound bags, and \$10,000.00 in US Currency. The

Sheriffs Office will be seeking an arrest warrant through the Humboldt County District Attorneys Office for Treadaway. The charges requested will be for cultivation and possession for sale of marijuana. The United States Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.) has also been contacted and is assisting with the investigation and evaluating for possible federal charges.

Mike Downey
Sheriff

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