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Rio Dell Police Thwart Underground Market Marijuana Robbery

On September 30, 2018 at about 10:30 PM, two young men, aged sixteen and eighteen, arrived at a house in Rio Dell with the intended purpose of purchasing marijuana. However, the transaction did not take place and one of the young men pulled a gun, claiming, "This is the way we do it in Sacramento" and took the five pounds of marijuana that had been offered for sale. The two men fled in a silver Toyota Camry.

The Rio Dell Police Department broadcast this information to the other law enforcement agencies in Humboldt County. Shortly thereafter, two California Highway Patrol officers observed a car that matched the description of the suspect's vehicle. It was registered out of Sacramento. They observed that the car was weaving and pulled it over on US 101 near Hooker Creek Road. Inside of the car, they found the five pounds of marijuana; two loaded firearms, both of which had been reported stolen; and approximately \$4400 in cash. The two men were detained until they could be arrested by the Rio Dell Police Department for robbery, possession of a loaded firearm, possession of a concealed firearm, possession of stolen property and possession of marijuana. Both young men were booked into detention facilities, the sixteen-year-old into Juvenile Hall and the eighteen-year-old in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility.

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