



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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SYNOPSIS:

This morning deputies and investigators from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, with assistance of officers from the Chula Vista and San Diego Police Departments, served search warrants at five illegal marijuana dispensaries located in Spring Valley, Lakeside, and Chula Vista. Search warrants were also served at two related residences in Jamul and the City of San Diego, as well as a storage facility in Spring Valley. The warrants were executed as part of an ongoing collaborative investigation being conducted with the assistance of the District Attorney's Office and San Diego County Code Compliance Officers.

Deputies assigned to the Rancho San Diego Sheriff's Station worked in conjunction with multiple allied agencies to address numerous community complaints related to unlicensed and illegal marijuana dispensaries, some located in residential neighborhoods and near local schools.

As a result of this operation, six adults were arrested for felony and misdemeanor charges.

Samir Shoshani (age 34) of Jamul and Iisin Mikha (age 28) of Michigan were arrested for 182 PC - Conspiracy and 11366 H&S - Operating/Maintaining a Drug House.

Melanie Garcia (age 20) of Las Vegas was arrested for 11366 H&S - Operating/Maintaining a Drug House.

Brandon Ceja (age 23) of San Diego was arrested for 29825 PC - Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Ariel Brown (age 23) of Chula Vista was arrested for 21810 PC – Possession of Metal Knuckles and 11359(b) H&S – Possess Cannabis for Sales.

Faith Ford (age 22) of San Diego was arrested for 11359(b) H&S – Possession of Cannabis for Sale.



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Investigators seized more than 1.1 million dollars in cash, as well as more than 3,000 pounds of marijuana, marijuana edibles, concentrated cannabis, suspected Psilocybin mushrooms, and twenty firearms including three semi-automatic rifles.

Two of the illegal marijuana dispensaries were located in Spring Valley: 9900 block of Dolores Street and the 9500 block of Kenwood Drive.

Two of the illegal marijuana dispensaries were located in Lakeside: 8500 block of Winter Gardens Boulevard and the 900 block of Greenfield Drive in Lakeside.

The fifth illegal marijuana dispensary was located in Chula Vista: 300 block of Palomar Street in Chula Vista.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You can also download the P3 anonymous tip app at sdcrimestoppers.org. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.