



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Warrant Service at Marijuana Dispensaries - Valley Center

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SYNOPSIS:

On February 6, 2019, at 9am, deputies from the Valley Center Crime Suppression Team, Valley Center detectives and deputies with the San Marcos Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) Team assisted County Code Compliance with serving an abatement warrant at "Green Valley LLC" (Aka Valley Center Greens) dispensary, located at 28404 Cole Grad Road and "24/7 Collective" located at 27930 Valley Center Road in Valley Center.

The Sheriff's Department had received numerous complaints from the community about both businesses operating unpermitted operations. The warrant was obtained only after both businesses were given adequate notice and refused to cease operations in violation of San Diego County Ordinance 6976.

During today's operation, deputies seized the following at both locations: large amounts of loose marijuana, marijuana edibles, marijuana paraphernalia, currency, as well as items used in the sales of marijuana. In all, five employees were arrested for the unlawful sales of marijuana. County Code Compliance assisted by boarding up all entry doors of the 24/7 Collective location.

As a reminder, County departments will continue to address illegal marijuana dispensaries throughout the unincorporated communities of San Diego County by enforcing building code requirements involving illegal or improper occupancy in conjunction with the administrative abatement process. The County has begun serving illegal dispensaries with ten-day notices, ordering property owners to remove tenants involved in the illegal sales of marijuana. If the tenant is not removed and enforcement action is taken, the County will continue abatement proceedings and secure the property to ensure the building remains safe. Any person found inside the property after the County secures the building is subject to arrest.

The Valley Center Sheriff's Station, in partnership with our community, is dedicated to the continued enforcement of all illegal marijuana dispensaries.

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

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