



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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### SYNOPSIS:

On 06/18/19, at 10 a.m., the Valley Center Crime Suppression Team, Valley Center Area Detectives and deputies with the San Marcos Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) Team served a search warrant at the "Green Apple Marijuana Collective" located at 27455 Valley Center Road in Valley Center. The San Diego Sheriff's Department received complaints from citizens about the business which was operating without a business license in violation of San Diego County Ordinance 6976.

During today's operation, deputies seized a large amount of marijuana, marijuana edibles, marijuana paraphernalia, currency, as well as items used in the selling of marijuana. In all, three employees were arrested for the sales of marijuana.

As a public reminder, County departments are addressing illegal marijuana dispensaries in Valley Center and other unincorporated areas 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 10-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 County anticipates continued enforcement and securing of structures for businesses operating without a valid permit. Valley Center Station Commander, Lieutenant Patrick Shannon, in partnership with the Valley Center community, is dedicated to the continued enforcement and elimination 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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