



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Illegal Marijuana Dispensary Closures in Casa De Oro (Spring Valley)

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SYNOPSIS:

On Wednesday, 06/19/19, at 7:40 AM., the Rancho San Diego (RSD) Crime Suppression Team, RSD Area Detectives, Imperial Beach Area Detectives, Imperial Beach COPPS Deputies and the East County Street Team assisted County Code Compliance with serving an abatement warrant and two criminal search warrants at three different illegal marijuana dispensaries located at 9966 Dolores Street in Casa De Oro (Spring Valley). The search warrants were served to Units 102, 108, and 208 and were the direct result of numerous complaints from concerned citizens and the dispensary owners violating San Diego County Zone Ordinance 6976.

During today's operation, Deputies located over 600 pounds of marijuana, marijuana edibles, marijuana paraphernalia, 21 thousand dollars cash, 4 firearms, cash, as well as items used in the illegal sales of marijuana. Seven employees were arrested and transported to local jails for possession and sales of marijuana. Two of the seven employees were also charged with possession of methamphetamine and cocaine. County Code Compliance secured the illegal dispensary at Unit 102, boarding up all entry doors to the location.

As a public reminder, County departments are addressing illegal marijuana dispensaries in Spring Valley 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 being arrested.

The County anticipates continued compliance as we enforce the securing of structures without a permitted use.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a felony arrest.