



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Illegal Marijuana Dispensary Closures in Spring Valley

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### SYNOPSIS:

On Thursday, 08/22/19, at 7:45 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 three criminal search warrants at three different illegal marijuana dispensaries located in Spring Valley and Casa De Oro. The search warrants served at 9966 Dolores Street #209 in Casa De Oro, 566 Paraiso Avenue and 1078 Elkelton Boulevard in Spring Valley 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 140 pounds of marijuana, marijuana edibles, marijuana paraphernalia, cash, as well as items used in the illegal sales of marijuana. One employee at 9966 Dolores Street was arrested and transported to local jail for possession and sales of marijuana. County Code Compliance secured the three illegal dispensaries by boarding up all entry doors to the locations.

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.



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