



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Abatement Warrant at Illegal Marijuana Dispensary in Spring Valley

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### SYNOPSIS:

On 01/04/2018, at 08:00 a.m., the Rancho San Diego Crime Suppression Team (CST) and Area Detectives assisted County Code Enforcement with serving an abatement warrant at Hempire marijuana dispensary, located at 9058 Olive Street in Spring Valley. Due to fortified doors, multiple armed security guards, and anticipation of active refusal to allow entry of the premises, a small Special Enforcement Detail element was used to help breach entry. The abatement warrant was the direct result of Hempire owners violating San Diego County Zone ordinance 6976. As a result of the abatement warrant, deputies located a large amount of marijuana, marijuana edibles, cash, marijuana paraphernalia, as well as items used in the sales of marijuana. Four people were initially detained for sales of marijuana. No arrests were made at this time. The investigation is on-going.

All medical and non-medical marijuana facilities are banned in the unincorporated area of San Diego County as of April 14, 2017. There are currently five vested marijuana facilities in San Diego County that are in various stages of operation. All five vested marijuana facilities are on a five year phase-out program and must cease operation by April 14, 2022. Even though Prop 64 went into effect on January 1, 2018, medical and non-medical (recreational use) marijuana facilities are not allowed to operate in the County. All new and existing illegal marijuana facilities in the unincorporated area of San Diego County are subject to enforcement action.

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