



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Search Warrant at Illegal Marijuana Dispensary in Spring Valley

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### SYNOPSIS:

On January 13, 2018, at about 3:30 p.m., deputies from the Sheriff's Rancho San Diego Station served a search warrant at the Lemon Drop Dispensary, a marijuana dispensary located at 549 Grand Avenue in Spring Valley. The search warrant was the direct result of an investigation into theft of utilities along with numerous complaints from concerned citizens regarding the illegal marijuana dispensary. As a result of the search warrant, deputies located a large amount of marijuana, marijuana edibles, concentrated marijuana, cash, and 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 ongoing.

All medical and non-medical marijuana dispensaries are banned in the unincorporated area of San Diego County as of April 14, 2017. Although Proposition 64 went into effect on January 1, 2018, medical and recreational marijuana dispensaries are not permitted to operate in the County. All new and existing illegal marijuana dispensaries in the unincorporated area of San Diego County are subject to enforcement action.