



# Interoffice Memo

**DATE:** January 24, 2022

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**FROM:** Brian Roper, Lieutenant  
Barstow Station

**TO:** Ron Markegard, Captain  
Barstow Station

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Newberry Springs Community Service District</b>
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Marijuana Grows – On 1/6/22, deputies served search warrants at different locations reference outdoor grows.

33033 Mountain View – 9 greenhouses, 2,833 MJ plants, 7 pounds of processed.

33287 Mountain View – 3 greenhouses, 200 MJ plants, 191 pounds of processed, 1 handgun and 1 arrest.

45583 Whetrock – 2 greenhouses, 411 MJ plants, 119 pounds processed.

34805 Newberry – 5 greenhouses, 644 MJ plants, 25 pounds processed and 1 arrest.

During this month, deputies handled 90 calls for service, took 17 reports, made 15 traffic stops and made 3 arrests in the unincorporated areas of Newberry Springs.



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SHANNON D. DICUS, SHERIFF-CORONER

DATE/TIME: January 10, 2022, through January 16, 2022

INCIDENT: Outdoor Marijuana Cultivations-Operation Hammer Strike, Week 20

LOCATION: #1 - 5700 Block of Allen Avenue, Wonder Valley  
#2 - 258 Block of Minnetonka, Lucerne Valley  
#3 - Parcel with no address, Lucerne Valley  
#4 - 77500 Block of Two Mile Road, Wonder Valley  
#5 - Parcel with no address, Helendale  
#6 - 4200 Block of Canyon Road, Twentynine Palms  
#7 - Parcel with no address, Lucerne Valley  
#8 - Parcel with no address, Lucerne Valley  
#9 - Parcel with no address, Lucerne Valley  
#10 - Parcel with no address, Twentynine Palms  
#11 - Parcel with no address, Wonder Valley  
#12 - 67600 Block of Appian Way, Twentynine Palms  
#13 - 11700 Block of Bartlett, Adelanto  
#14 - Parcel with no address, Helendale  
#15 - Parcel with no address, Helendale  
#16 - Parcel with no address, Helendale  
#17 - Parcel with no address, Helendale  
#18 - 8000 Block of C Avenue, Hesperia

SUSPECT(S): Samnang Chan, 43 year old male resident of Long Beach, CA. Location #1  
Elvis Thao, 40 year old male resident of Los Angeles, CA. Location #1  
Arredondo Lopez, 33 year old male resident of Mexico. Location #3  
Tri Phan, 47 year old male resident of Los Angeles, CA. Location #4  
Sergio Arias, 26 year old male resident of Ontario, CA. Location #5  
Ivan Cruz-Leon, 31 year old male resident of Lucerne Valley, CA. Location #8  
Peng Wei, 42 year old male resident of Arcadia, CA. Location #13  
Jing Wei Ping, 39 year old female resident of Arcadia, CA. Location #13  
Filberto Rosas, 57 year old male resident of Mexico. Location #14  
Heriberto Gamboa, 27 year old male resident of Mexico. Location #14  
Ruben Garcia, 66 male resident of Helendale, CA. Location #16  
Luis Cardenas, 24 year old male resident of Oro Grande, CA. Location #17  
Daniel Alvarez, 35 year old male resident of Oro Grande, CA. Location #17  
Alexis Ayala, 42 year old male resident of Oro Grande, CA. Location #17  
Jose Gonzalez, 57 year old male resident of Oro Grande, CA. Location #17  
Maurice Hamilton, 45 year old male resident of Hesperia, CA. Location #18

VICTIM(S):

SUMMARY: Between January 10, 2022, and January 16, 2022, investigators from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department - Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET), along with San Bernardino Sheriff's deputies from several different Patrol Stations, served 18 search warrants at various locations in Lucerne Valley, Wonder Valley, Adelanto, Hesperia, Twentynine Palms, and Helendale. MET personnel had received numerous complaints about large outdoor and indoor marijuana cultivations in these areas. Over this past week, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's personnel located and arrested 15 suspects. Investigators seized 7,095 marijuana plants, 5,045.5 pounds of processed marijuana, 11 guns, 1,583 grams of concentrated marijuana, and over \$5,600.00 in cash. Investigators eradicated a total of 63 greenhouses found at these locations, as well as 2 THC extraction labs. Investigators located one live fragmentation hand grenade, which was destroyed in place by deputies from the Sheriff's Arson/Bomb Division.



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The investigations revealed the cannabis cultivations were not in compliance with California's Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) and San Bernardino County's ordinance prohibiting Commercial Cannabis Activity. San Bernardino County has a law prohibiting Commercial Cannabis Activity, which includes growing marijuana plants outdoors.

The Sheriff's Gangs/Narcotics Division will continue to enforce California's cannabis laws and San Bernardino County's ordinance regarding cannabis cultivation and distribution. Persons found guilty of violating the state law and county ordinance are subject to fines, prosecution, and seizure of property.

Property owners who are growing marijuana or are aware their tenants are growing marijuana on their properties in violation of the state law and local ordinances may also be subject to civil or criminal sanctions. Property owners are encouraged to contact their local law enforcement or code compliance agency to confirm if cultivating cannabis is prohibited or allowed under specific regulations.

The suspects were cited or booked on charges of Cultivation of Cannabis, over six plants, Possession for Sales of Marijuana, Illegal Water Discharge, Manufacturing a Controlled Substance, and Conspiracy.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is urged to contact the Sheriff's Gangs/Narcotics Division at (909)387-8400 or [NARC-MET@sbcasd.org](mailto:NARC-MET@sbcasd.org). Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call the We-tip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463), or you may leave the information on the We-Tip Hotline at [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com).

Refer: Sheriff's Public Affairs  
Station: Gangs/Narcotics Division

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San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department



# PRESS RELEASE

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**SUMMARY:** Between January 3, 2022, and January 9, 2022, investigators from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department - Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET), along with San Bernardino Sheriff's deputies from several different Patrol Stations, served 31 search warrants at various locations in Lucerne Valley, Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, Adelanto, Hesperia, Pinon Hills, Phelan, Fontana, Victorville, Newberry Springs, El Mirage, Upland, and El Monte. MET personnel had received numerous complaints about large outdoor and indoor marijuana cultivations in these areas. Over this past week, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's personnel located and arrested 15 suspects. Investigators seized 12,370 marijuana plants, 3,361.7 pounds of processed marijuana, eight guns, 92.5 pounds of Psilocybin mushrooms, and over \$55,000.00 in cash. Investigators eradicated a total of 122 greenhouses found at these locations, as well as 12 indoor locations. Investigators mitigated one electrical bypass and recovered one stolen recreational vehicle.

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SHANNON D. DICUS, SHERIFF-CORONER

DATE/TIME: January 3, 2022, through January 9, 2022

INCIDENT: Outdoor Marijuana Cultivations-Operation Hammer Strike, Week 19

LOCATION: #1 - Parcel with no address, Lucerne Valley  
#2 - Parcel with no address, Lucerne Valley  
#3 - Parcel with no address, Lucerne Valley  
#4 - Parcel with no address, Lucerne Valley  
#5 - Parcel with no address, Lucerne Valley  
#6 - Parcel with no address, Morongo Valley  
#7 - 51500 Block of 29 Palms Highway, Twentynine Palms  
#8 - 54500 Block of Benecia Trail, Yucca Valley  
#9 - 5100 Block of Old Woman Springs, Yucca Valley  
#10 - 15700 Block of Horizon Way, Adelanto  
#11 - 6700 Block of Serrano, Hesperia  
#12 - 700 Block of Pinon, Pinon Hills  
#13 - 11000 Block of Valle Vista, Phelan  
#14 - 16000 Block of Maestro Way, Fontana  
#15 - 12200 Block of Buena Vista, Pinon Hills  
#16 - Parcel with no address, El Mirage  
#17 - 14600 Block of Nelson Avenue, Victorville  
#18 - 9500 Block of Verbena Road, Phelan  
#19 - 100 Block of South Sultana, Upland  
#20 - 14000 Block of Jockey Lane, Victorville  
#21 - 48200 Block of Morgan Lane, Newberry Springs  
#22 - 47900 Block of Palo Verde Lane, Newberry Springs  
#23 - 33000 Block of Mountain View, Newberry Springs  
#24 - 33200 Block of Mountain View, Newberry Springs  
#25 - 45500 Block of Whetrock Road, Newberry Springs  
#26 - 34800 Block of Newberry Road, Newberry Springs  
#27 - Parcel with no address, El Mirage  
#28 - Parcel with no address, El Mirage  
#29 - Parcel with no address, El Mirage  
#30 - Parcel with no address, El Mirage  
#31 - 100 Block of Eagle Nest Drive, El Monte

SUSPECT(S): Hector Munguia, 35 year old male resident of Mexico. Location #2  
Andrew Gorman, 31 year old male resident of Yucca Valley, CA. Location #8  
Jomo Fuller, 44 year old male resident of Phelan, CA. Location #13  
Pamela Fuller, 52 year old female resident of Phelan, CA. Location #13  
Juan Alvarado, 28 year old male resident of Pinon Hills, CA. Location #15  
Melissa Alvarado, 30 year old female resident of Pinon Hills, CA. Location #15  
Javier Arreola, 31 year old male resident of Modesto, CA. Location #16  
Alex Sengaloune, 50 year old male resident of San Diego, CA. Location #21  
Edwin Velasquez-Alvarez, 19 year old male resident of Newberry Springs, CA. Location #24  
Phanvilay Phouang, 56 year old female resident of Newberry Springs, CA. Location #26  
Luis Sanchez, 26 year old male resident of Phelan, CA. Location #27  
Manuel Gonzalez, 27 year old male resident of Phelan, CA. Location #27  
Albaro Isidro, 37 year old male resident of Mexico. Location #29  
Francisco Catrojon, 54 year old male resident of Mexico. Location #30  
Xiongbing Shi, 31 year old male resident of El Monte, CA. Location #31

VICTIM(S):



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