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## *Press Release*

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### **VACAVILLE MARIJUANA FORUM SCHEDULED TO AIR ON CHANNEL 26**

On Thursday, April 14, 2016 from 6-8pm, the Vacaville Police Department hosted an educational marijuana prevention forum called "Marijuana: Weeding out the Facts."

The forum featured John Redman, Executive Director of Californians for Drug Free Youth (CADFY). Parents and adults were invited to attend the educational forum to learn about the health effects marijuana has on youth, the potency of marijuana today compared to the past and the impact that marijuana legalization has had on youth in other states.

According to the 2013-14 California Healthy Kids survey, administered by the Vacaville Unified School District, results showed that 47 percent of 11th graders reported using marijuana at least once, compared to 42 percent of 11th graders reporting the same answer in the previous survey. Additionally, more than 50 percent of 11th graders reported they feel marijuana is not harmful or not very harmful. The forum provided parents and other adult community members an opportunity to start a dialogue regarding youth marijuana use.

If you missed the event, the forum will be televised on Channel 26 on the following times and dates:

- 7 p.m. Friday, April 22
- 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23
- 7 p.m. Saturday, April 23
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 24

Criminal activity can be reported at [www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police](http://www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police), or you can call "Crime Stoppers" and leave an anonymous tip at 707-644-STOP (7867). Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.



This forum was made possible by the Vacaville Police Department, Vacaville AWARE Coalition, Solano County Board of Supervisors, Californians for Drug Free Youth, Counterdrug Task Force of Northern California, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area of Northern California, Project SAM, Smart Approaches to Marijuana, Regional Intelligence Center of Northern California and Solano County's ATOD Prevention Collaborative.

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