



Vacaville Police Department

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Press Release

Today's Date: 10/12/2013
Date & Time Occurred: 10/10/2013, 10:00 a.m. – Warrant Service in Shasta Co.
10/11/2013, 8:30 a.m. – Warrant Service in Vacaville
10/11/2013, 10:30 a.m. – Warrant Service in Fairfield
Phone: (707) 449-5200
Case Number: 13-7124
Type of Crime/Incident: Large Marijuana grow operation/Weapons Charges -**10 arrests**
Location: Three - 40 acre properties in West Shasta County
Residence in 1500 block of Alamo Drive, Vacaville
Residence in 200 block of Santa Cruz St., Fairfield
Suspects:

GONZALEZ , Samuel	(M)(23)	CHGS/ 11378, 11370.1 2800(B)
Napa Resident		PC
NIEVES , Ricardo	(M)(21)	11351 11370.1 11378 1203.2
Woodland Resident		29800A1
PANDURO , Oscar	(M)(36)	11358 11359
Vacaville Resident		
VARGAS , Epigmenio	(M)(33)	11358 11359
Fairfield Resident		
ALVARADO , Ricardo	(M)(33)	11358 11359
Mexico Resident		
JACOBO-DURAN , Eric	(M)(21)	11359 11358
Fairfield Resident		
MENDOSA , Adan	(M)(18)	11358 11357
Mexico Resident		
SANDOVAL , Luis	(M)(56)	11358 11359
Richmond Resident		
CAMPOS , Jose	(M)(20)	11358 11357
Vacaville Resident		
CERVANTES , Salvador	(M)(22)	11358 11359 12022.1
Fairfield Resident		

SEARCH WARRANTS LEAD TO ARREST OF TEN FOR LARGE SCALE MARIJUANA GROWING OPERATION - WEAPON CHARGES

Vacaville police arrested ten men on a variety of drug and weapons charges as a result of a comprehensive investigation. Officers with the Vacaville Police Department Narcotics Team (NET) conducted an operation with the assistance of the Shasta County Sheriff's Department on October 10th and 11th, 2013 in which three respective search warrants were served in the cities of Vacaville, Fairfield and Shasta County. This investigation was started by Detectives who developed information regarding the illegal supply of marijuana coming into the City of Vacaville. NET was also assisted by the Vacaville Crime Suppression Team (CST) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

While serving the search warrants in Shasta County, approximately 247 marijuana plants were seized along with over 200 pounds of dried marijuana, with a street value of nearly 1 million dollars. Two rifles were also seized, one from one of the grow sites and one from the Fairfield location. All the suspects were arrested at the three separate grow sites in Shasta County. Most of the ten suspects who were at these sites were actively processing the marijuana when contacted.

Criminal activity can be reported at 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.



All suspects were charged with Cultivation and Possession of Marijuana for Sale. In addition, S-Alvarado ran from one of the grow sites during the service of the search warrant and was apprehended by a California Department of Fish and Wildlife K-9. He was transported to the hospital, later booked in the Shasta County Jail, and charged with delaying and obstructing a police officer. S-Sandoval was also arrested for possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony. The loaded firearm was found in his vehicle at one of the grow sites. S-Campos was also booked for possession of methamphetamine on his person.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the Vacaville Police DRUG Tip line at (707) 449-5243.