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REDDING POLICE DEPARTMENT
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530.225.4200 FAX 530.225.4553**PRESS RELEASE****October 28, 2009 9:00 A.M.****Marijuana Cultivation Operation**

Between September 28, 2009 and October 23, 2009, the Redding Police Department worked in partnership with the Shasta County Sheriff's Department Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET) investigating marijuana cultivation within the City of Redding.

These investigations were in response to numerous complaints regarding strong marijuana odor, visible marijuana plants, short term traffic and suspected sales of marijuana within residential areas.

Investigators conducted a total of thirty-six marijuana cultivation investigations. During these investigations twenty-six were found to be in compliance with Proposition 215. Nine of the investigations revealed subject(s) that were out of compliance. Several investigations revealed subject(s) who were using forged or expired recommendations or who were in possession of processed marijuana in excess of their recommendation(s) or were illegally cultivating marijuana. A total of eight arrests were made and eleven criminal complaints were filed with the Shasta County District Attorney's Office for various violations.

A total of one hundred and seventy-six plants were seized as well as fifty-one pounds of processed marijuana. Numerous cultivations were found to be guarded by armed subjects sleeping in outdoor tents and trailers. Several subjects advised that they were guarding their marijuana plants in response to numerous un-reported thefts and robberies of their marijuana cultivations

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