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LARGE SCALE MARIJUANA OPERATION DISCOVERED IN BENICIA WAREHOUSE

The Solano County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Enforcement Team served a search warrant at a warehouse in the 500 block of Stone Road in Benicia just before 11 a.m. this morning. Members from the Solano County Sheriff's Enforcement Team (S.E.T.), Federal Bureau of Investigations (F.B.I.), as well as Solano County Sheriff's Office patrol deputies assisted in the service of the warrant.

The search warrant was the result of a two month investigation that began in January of this year when Benicia Police Department requested the assistance from the Sheriff's Office during a narcotics investigation. At that time the Solano County Narcotics Enforcement Team wrote a search warrant for a warehouse on the 4600 block of E. Second Street in Benicia. The search warrant was executed and detectives discovered 825 marijuana plants and processed marijuana valued at over \$2.5 million dollars.

The investigation continued leading to today's operation in another Benicia warehouse. Once inside the location, detectives discovered a very large and sophisticated marijuana growing and processing operation. The warehouse was divided into 10 rooms, each with marijuana plants at various stages of growth. There was also a room dedicated solely to drying the mature marijuana plants for distribution.

In other areas of the warehouse there were additional rooms being built to increase the capacity of the grow operation. Electrical panels, a large ventilation system, and a watering system were built into the operation to assist in the growing of the marijuana.

Detectives seized **4859 marijuana plants** at various stages of growth along with approximately three pounds of processed marijuana. The estimated street value of the seized marijuana was over **\$14.5 million dollars**.

One suspect was taken into custody when detectives entered the warehouse after he attempted to flee out of a back door. Arrested and booked into the Solano County Jail was 34 year old Hayward resident Thuy Dinh. Dinh was booked for cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, conspiracy to cultivate and distribute marijuana and resisting arrest. Dinh's bail was set at \$20,000.00 and his first court appearance is scheduled for Monday April 20th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fairfield Courthouse.

The investigation continues and additional leads are being followed up. Citizens are always encouraged to contact their local law enforcement agency if they suspect illegal narcotics activity in the area where they live or work.

If you have any questions regarding this press release I can be contacted at the phone numbers listed below.

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