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Marijuana Trafficking Organization Uncovered Overnight Solano County Sheriff's Office

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Overnight the Solano County Sheriff's Office Cal-MMET/Sol-NET unit (California Multi Jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team/Solano Narcotics Enforcement Team) executed four search warrants on separate residences in the cities of Benicia and Vallejo.

With assistance from the Benicia Police department, the first search warrant was executed at 7:00 p.m. on the 300 block of Durham Court in the City of Benicia. Once inside, law enforcement quickly discovered an impressive indoor marijuana grow, encompassing the entire residence. The plant count totaled 563, ranging from small to mature. The home was well equipped with watering, lighting, and temperature control systems. The owner of the residence, 47-year-old Kenneth Allen Sevier was arrested on site and booked into the Solano County Jail. Also arrested on site was 38-year-old River Lark Denning. The estimated street value of the marijuana discovered is \$1, 407, 500.

Based on information revealed at the first location, a second search warrant was written and executed at 1:55 a.m. at a residence located on the 500 block of East L Street also in the City of Benicia. Inside the home law enforcement discovered three ounces of marijuana, packaging materials to include a digital scale, and \$1,440 in cash. 38-year-old Paul Thomas Brown was arrested on site and booked into the Solano County Jail. The estimated street value of the marijuana discovered is \$1, 350

A third search warrant was executed at 2:40 a.m. on the 1000 block of West K Street in the City of Benicia. Inside the home law enforcement discovered five pounds of processed marijuana, one half ounce of methamphetamine, cash totaling \$16,400 and packaging materials to include a digital scale. This location is believed to be the residence of previously arrested Kenneth Allen Sevier. The estimated street value of the marijuana is \$25,000. The estimated street value of the methamphetamine is \$650.

Upon request for assistance the Vallejo Police departments Crime Suppression Unit conducted a fourth search warrant executed at 1:55 a.m. in the City of Vallejo on the 500 block of Goheen Circle. Once inside the home law enforcement discovered 57 live plants ranging from small to mature plants, and two and a half ounces of methamphetamine. This residence is believed to be the home of previously arrested River Lark Denning. The estimated street value of the marijuana discovered is \$ 142,500. The estimated street value of methamphetamine is \$3,250.

All suspects arrested during this operation are being held in the Solano County Jail on a variety of drug offenses to include cultivation, marijuana for sales, conspiracy, and possession of a controlled substance. All must post bail in open court. Each is being held on a bail amount of one million dollars. These operations mark the 10th indoor marijuana grows discovered since January. This investigation continues.

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