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On October 6, 2011 the Butte County Sheriff's Office Special Enforcement Unit served a search warrant in the 600 block of Simmons Road, Berry Creek. The search warrant was issued after a follow up investigation revealed another residence believed to belong to David Najera. Earlier in the week the Special Enforcement Unit executed search warrants on Keefer Road, Chico, and Bald Rock Road, Berry Creek. During the service of those search warrants, David Najera was arrested on multiple felony counts to include the cultivation and sale of marijuana.

Deputies raided the Simmons Road home around 2pm and found the residence abandoned. Deputies serving the search warrant noticed clothing strewn around the bedrooms, food still in the oven, and the home in general disarray. Deputies searched the residence and outbuilding but did not locate anyone on the property.

During the search Deputies located 81 growing female marijuana plants behind the residence, an indoor growing room in the garage, a 9mm handgun in the house, and 94.3 pounds of processed marijuana.

Deputies believe this home, as with the Berry Creek and Keefer Road homes, was being used to cultivate marijuana for the purposes of sales under the disguise of proposition 215. Najera is currently still in the Butte County Jail with bail set at 1,000,000.00.