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On October 4, 2011 the Butte County Sheriff's Office Special Enforcement Unit along with members of the Butte County Inter-Agency Narcotics Taskforce served a search warrant in the 4100 block of Keefer Road, Chico and a second search warrant in the 2600 block of Bald Rock Road, Berry Creek. Sheriff's Deputies along with members of BINTF raided both homes in the early morning hours arresting seven suspects without incident. The investigation, which took several months, revealed the property owner of the Berry Creek residence, David Alexander Najera of Santa Barbara, was growing marijuana at his residence and at a rental property in Chico. During the investigation Sheriff's Deputies developed information that Najera was trafficking marijuana and growing marijuana under the disguise of Proposition 215. The information developed by the Deputies resulted in the issuance and service of the two search warrants.

During the search at the Berry Creek address Deputies located 76 extremely large flowering marijuana plants. The marijuana plants were approximately 8'-12' tall with a 15' diameter. Also located was a very large processing area, with wooden and cloth drying racks, an automated trimming machine, work tables, and numerous trimming supplies. A search of the home produced over $15,000.00 in US Currency, Psilocybin Mushrooms, and one firearm. Deputies arrested Enrique Cobian 43 of Colima Mexico, Lorenzo Ruiz Munoz 34 of Puebla Mexico, Matthew Upton Gierke 30 of Savannah Georgia, Glen Shepard Arnett 41 of Florida who was armed at the time of his arrest, and Bryan Lance Galledge 32 of Berry Creek CA who was also armed at the time of his arrest. The suspects were all arrested for marijuana cultivation, possession of marijuana for sale, and armed in the commission of a felony. Galledge was also charged with possession of Psilocybin Mushrooms, a felony.

During the search at the Keefer Road home Deputies located 33 very large flowering marijuana plants and an indoor marijuana grow with another 22 growing marijuana plants. The outdoor marijuana plants were approximately 8’- 11’ tall with a 15’ diameter. Also located during the search was a manual-hydraulic pressing machine used to make marijuana bricks, two firearms, and over $14,000.00 in US Currency. Deputies also located a large amount of Dilaudid, Xanax, Adderall, Opana, Roxicodone pills and Fentanyl patches and oral swabs . Deputies arrested David Alexander Najera 31 of Santa Barbara, and Tyler Jay Bretz 31 of Santa Barbara. Najera was charged with possession of marijuana for sale, marijuana cultivation, armed in the commission of a felony, felon in possession of a firearm, and felon in possession of ammunition. Bretz was charged with possession of a controlled substance, transport/sell of a controlled substance, and possession for sale of a controlled substance.

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