

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

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On 03-01-11, members of the Butte County Sheriff's Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) served multiple search warrants in the Bangor area of Butte County along with search warrants in Yuba County.

During the service of the search warrants members of SEU located one of the largest butane honey oil/hash oil labs in Butte County history. Accompanying the butane honey oil lab was 210 marijuana plants along with hundreds of pounds of processed marijuana.

A large amount of US currency was also discovered at the properties with a total cash amount of \$486,503.00. Also seized was a 2010 Dodge Challenger paid for with \$40,000.00 in US currency.

Arrested were Elliott Akers (30) of Bangor and Browns Valley, Daniel Almendarez (28) of Texas, Cory Carter (24) of Bangor, and Clarence Roberts (28) of Texas. The investigation revealed that all four subjects were from Texas and moved to California to take advantage of California's Proposition 215 in order to make money in the interstate sale of marijuana and honey oil.

All four subjects were booked into the Butte County Jail for cultivation of marijuana, sales of marijuana, manufacturing of a controlled substance (the butane honey oil/hash oil lab), and committing a felony while armed. Due to the large amount of money seized, a bail enhancement for all four subjects has been requested.



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