

# **BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE**

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On March 30, 2011 the Butte County Sheriff's Department Special Enforcement Unit served a search warrant at 75 McCaton Drive in Bangor Ca. During the service of the search warrant Detectives found a large commercial indoor/outdoor marijuana garden, along with a butane honey oil lab. The Detectives on scene were able to determine that the indoor marijuana garden was supplied power illegally. The residents had connected secondary power lines to PG&E's power lines and rerouted power to the marijuana growing rooms, effectively bypassing PG&E's smart meter.

The resident, Christopher Erickson (33), who recently moved to California from Salt Lake City Utah, stated he had moved to California to take advantage of California's medical marijuana laws by growing and selling marijuana to medical patients and marijuana store fronts.

Detectives seized 340 growing marijuana plants from the residence, a shed, and a green house, along with processed marijuana, and recently manufactured butane honey oil. The Detectives also seized \$42,717.00 in US currency.

Erickson was arrested and booked into the Butte County Jail on felony charges of marijuana cultivation, possession of marijuana for sale, and manufacturing of a controlled substance, along with theft of utilities



