

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

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On July 27, 2011 the Butte County Sheriff's Office Special Enforcement Unit conducted an early morning raid of a known marijuana garden, near Rock Creek in Cohasset. The marijuana garden was situated in a very steep canyon, flanked by two cliff faces to the east and west, making access extremely difficult. The Special Enforcement Unit was able to enter the marijuana garden undetected and observed the suspects as they worked in the grow site. The Special Enforcement Unit was able to confirm three suspects in the site one of which was armed with a handgun. When the suspects moved to different sections of the garden, a team of two Deputies took one of the suspects into custody as he was watering marijuana plants. Jaime Lareous Reyes (43) of Mexico was taken into custody without incident. The remaining Deputies attempted to apprehend the other two suspects but they were able to elude capture. The Special Enforcement Unit eradicated the marijuana garden locating 4277 marijuana plants in multiple stages of growth. The plants ranged from small 4" seedlings to 5' mature plants, with many of the marijuana plants nearing harvest.

Jaime Lareous Reyes was booked into the Butte County Jail on Felony charges of possession of marijuana for sale and cultivation of marijuana, and a no bail Immigration Hold.