

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

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RELEASED BY : **Butte County Sheriff's Office Special Enforcement Unit**

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On 07-25-12, Detectives received information from the Maryland State Police that Chico resident, Wolfgang Obergin (Age 22) was arrested for the transportation and sale of marijuana in that state. Information obtained by the Maryland State Police led to a search warrant of several industrial units in the 2900 block of Highway 32, Chico, by Detectives of the Sheriff Office's Special Enforcement Unit. Upon serving the search warrants, Detectives located three indoor marijuana grows located within the industrial units. A total of 252 marijuana plants were eradicated from the indoor grow rooms. Detectives estimated the street value of the marijuana to be \$252,000.00. Detectives in Butte County will be seeking additional cultivation and sales charges against Obergin who remains in custody in the State of Maryland. More arrests are expected from this marijuana growing operation. (See the three related photos below)





On 07-26-12, Detectives with the Butte County Sheriff Office's Special Enforcement Unit

conducted a search warrant in the 500 block of Hurleton Swedes Flat Road, Oroville. Upon service of the search warrant, Detectives located Dai Van Le (Age 37) of Pleasant Hill, California, inside the residence. A search of the property revealed two greenhouses containing 470 marijuana plants. Detectives estimated the street value of the marijuana plants at \$2,820,000.00. One of the greenhouses was approximately 50' and 20' and held 350 of the 470 marijuana plants. The greenhouses were equipped with several thousand dollars of cultivation equipment. Three inactive large indoor marijuana grow rooms were also located on the property and contained growing equipment in the tens of thousands of dollars. The indoor marijuana grow room equipment had been powered by a \$30,000.00 industrial generator, which was located on the property. Dai Van Le was arrested for the cultivation and sales of marijuana. He is currently in custody at the Butte County Jail with a bail amount of \$100,000.00. (See the four related photos below)





