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On 8/13/09 the Butte County Sheriff's marijuana unit along with Sheriff's deputies eradicated 3 marijuana gardens in Butte County. The first garden was located in the French Creek area off of Oroville Quincy Highway above Mountain House. Deputies entered this garden and found it abandoned by the suspects. It appeared there may have been up to 5 suspects working in that garden based on evidence found in the campsite. Deputies eradicated 11,464 marijuana plants from that garden.

Deputies then went over to the Pulga area off Highway 70 and eradicated one garden where the suspects fled when the deputies approached the garden area. It appeared there were possibly 2 suspects working in that garden. Deputies eradicated 1,624 marijuana plants from that garden.

Deputies then entered another marijuana garden in the same general area and found it was abandoned. Deputies eradicated 5,544 marijuana plants from that garden. Based on evidence found in the camp area it appeared there were about 4 suspects working in that garden.

In total deputies eradicated 18,632 marijuana plants from all three sites. The estimated street value would have been about $74,528,000.00. No evidence of firearms was located in any of the marijuana gardens eradicated. These marijuana gardens were all discovered through aerial reconnaissance flights.

If anyone has information about suspicious activity please contact the Butte County Sheriff's marijuana unit at 538-7389. You can remain anonymous.

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