

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

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On 09-10-10, during the early morning hours, the Butte County Sheriff's Marijuana Unit raided a very challenging marijuana grow located along Mud Creek in Cohasset.

During aerial observations in early September, deputies located the marijuana grow, which was between sandwiched steep basalt cliffs to the east and west.

Deputies from the Marijuana Unit were able to scale and hike down the canyon walls and eradicate 5,628 mature marijuana plants from the garden. The plants were anywhere from 2 feet to 8 feet tall and were being watered by drip lines and supply lines that had been placed into Mud Creek. It appears the suspects had chiseled basalt rock from sections of Mud Creek in order to increase water flow by a gravity fed system. The marijuana garden stretched over a half mile along the canyon.

Several trails made by the suspects were located and a kitchen, camp, and marijuana processing area was found. No suspects were located and it appears the suspects were tied into one of many organized drug cartels based on evidence collected at the scene.

After the eradication of the Mud Creek marijuana garden, deputies from the Marijuana Unit were flown to another area of Cohasset to eradicate another illegal marijuana grow. Once on scene, deputies located 1,452 mature marijuana plants also planted by suspects. Many of the plants had already been harvested and transported out of the area. A drying area was found with a large amount of marijuana hanging on wires, which appeared to have been abandoned when deputies entered the garden area.

The Butte County Sheriff's Marijuana Unit wishes everyone to be safe and enjoy the natural forests in and around Butte County. Many arrests have been made of suspects that have been working in these marijuana grows. Some of these suspects have been armed with firearms to include stolen guns.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office wishes to warn the public to leave areas immediately where signs of marijuana growing is taking place. For example, black plastic tubing, fishing line strung between trees, tents or camping areas that appear to be hidden or well used trails in remote areas. Please be safe and aware of your surroundings while enjoying the outdoors.







