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INFORMATION RELEASE

Marijuana Gardens Seized in Vacaville Hills
Solano County Sheriff's Office

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Detectives from the Solano County Sheriff's Office Cal-MMET (California Multi-Jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team), Sol-NET (Solano Narcotics Enforcement Team), and California Department of Justice (DOJ) CAMP (Campaign Against Marijuana Planting) focused on the eradication of illegal marijuana gardens located in the hills of Vacaville. They were assisted by personnel from the Vacaville Fire Protection District. This operation began on July 13th and ended on July 14th.

On Monday the teams consisting of members of Cal-MMET, Sol-NET, and CAMP were flown by helicopter into grow sites in the area of Cole Canyon and Miller Canyon. They eradicated 12,173 plants from gardens located in that region.

On Tuesday the same teams were flown into the grow sites and eradicated three different marijuana gardens. These gardens were located in Mix Canyon and Gates Canyon. Between these three grow locations there were 43,414 marijuana plants eradicated. The marijuana plants were hauled out by helicopter from the grow sites to the command post. The marijuana was later transported and destroyed at an undisclosed location.

According to officials, the potential street value of the 55,587 marijuana plants eradicated during the two-day operation was 278 million dollars. No arrests were made during the operation but detectives did locate sophisticated camps set up near the grow sites. Detectives believe the marijuana gardens they ran into are commonly funded by major drug trafficking organizations from Mexico and are operated by Mexican nationals.

Anyone with information regarding suspicious narcotics activity can call into the tip line and remain anonymous if desired. The tip line is (707) 784-1351.

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