**Press Release**

**Subject:** Search Warrants Served on Illegal Marijuana Grows Result in Arrests

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The Yolo County Sheriff’s Office is attentively enforcing the law related to the cultivation of marijuana. While the cultivation of cannabis is permissible in the County of Yolo under certain circumstances, it requires a permit per County Code section 5-20.01. Unlawful cultivation sites are being eradicated county-wide as the locations of the grows become known.

A search warrant was served at a property on the 3000 block of County Road 88b on September 27, 2017, resulting in an arrest and the confiscation of marijuana that was being cultivated unlawfully in addition to a loaded handgun in possession of a convicted felon.

Yolo County Sheriff’s Office Deputies removed 356 growing marijuana plants, eight ounces of processed marijuana, and property related to the sale of marijuana. The value of the marijuana is estimated at $800,000.

Antonio Iribarren, 56, of Pittsburg, Georgia, was booked into the Yolo County Jail. He was charged with multiple felony counts including possession of marijuana for sale, cultivation of marijuana, possession of drugs while armed, and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person.

On September 28, 2017, an additional search warrant was served at a property on the 2000 block of County Road 88 resulting in two arrests.

Deputies eradicated 615 growing marijuana plants with an estimated value of approximately $1,800,000 and seized two handguns.
Evan Card, 39, of Discovery Bay, and Steve Santos, 33, of Brentwood, were booked into the Yolo County Jail. They were charged with felony counts of cultivation of marijuana and conspiracy.

A search warrant served on September 26, 2017, at a property on the 20000 block of County Road 79a did not result in any arrests but 1,283 growing marijuana plants were removed. The estimated value of the marijuana is $5,750,000.

These efforts follow last week’s eradication of approximately $6,000,000 worth of marijuana in Yolo County.

The Yolo County Sheriff’s Office appreciates the assistance of the community in our efforts to curb the unlawful cultivation of marijuana. Those who wish to remain anonymous are encouraged to call the tip line at (530)668-5248 with information related to any criminal activity in Yolo County.