Press Release

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

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A search warrant was served at a property on the 7000 block of State Route 16 on September 19, 2017, resulting in five arrests and the confiscation of a large quantity of marijuana that was being cultivated unlawfully. The cultivation of cannabis in the County of Yolo requires a permit per County Code section 5-20.01.

Yolo County Sheriff’s Office Deputies removed 2,227 growing marijuana plants and collected forty-one pounds of harvested marijuana during this operation. The value of the marijuana is estimated at over five million dollars.

Guangyang Bao, 60, of Sacramento, Jian Fang, 54, of Sacramento, Sinh Lieu, 52, of Sacramento, Bobby Lieu, 55, of Sacramento, and Paofu Chen, 34, of Queens, New York, were booked into the Yolo County Jail. All were charged with felony counts of possession of marijuana for sale, cultivation of marijuana, maintaining a place for the purpose of unlawful drug sales, and conspiracy.

On September 22, 2017, an additional search warrant was served at a property on the 14000 block of County Road 41a resulting in a single arrest.

Deputies collected 498 growing marijuana plants with an estimated value of approximately $750,000. The arrestee was also found to be a felon in possession of ammunition.

Allen Nelson, 30, of Sacramento, was booked into the Yolo County Jail. He was charged with cultivation of marijuana, conspiracy, and possession of ammunition by a prohibited person.