



Fresno County Sheriff's Department
Richard Pierce, Sheriff
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MARIJUANA ERADICATION

On Wednesday, 8-13-03, the Fresno County Sheriff Department Major Narcotics Unit, in conjunction with the State Bureau of Narcotics CAMP Program (Campaign Against Marijuana Planting) and the United States Forest Service will be conducting Marijuana Eradication Operations. All members of the Media are invited to attend the pre-operation briefing on Wednesday morning at 7:00 AM at the Helm Ranger Station, located on Highway 180 in the community of Dunlap. Following the briefing, all members of the media are invited to accompany the officers on the eradication operation. As members of the Major Narcotics Unit act in an undercover capacity, we ask that photos or film footage of these individuals be restricted to non-facial shots. There will be a number of officers on site that will be able to be photographed and they will be identified for you prior to the operation. We do not anticipate travel on four wheel drive or rough terrain roads on this particular operation.

Questions and/or inquiries may be made to Deputy Richard Coningsby @ 452-1295 or 281-3020.

It is not intended for this information to be released to the public prior to the operation.