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MEDIA ADVISORY: Marijuana Grow Eradicated. Squaw Valley Man Arrested

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of a Squaw Valley man on narcotics and weapons charges and the eradication of a large marijuana grow. Arrested was 50 year old John Kroeger.

During the early morning hours of June 28th, detectives from the Sheriff's Metro Narcotics Enforcement Team served a search warrant at a residence located in the 38500 block of Barberry Lane in Squaw Valley. The investigators were assisted by members of the Sheriff's SWAT team and the Fresno Meth Task Force.

Investigators located and eradicated a marijuana grow that contained 6,131 plants. The plants had an estimated street value of almost \$25,000,000.00.

A campsite was located however no suspects were arrested inside the grow.

Investigators arrested Kroeger after discovering that he was supplying power and water to the marijuana grow from his residence. He was arrested on charges of cultivation of marijuana and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Investigators believe there are other suspects connected to the marijuana grow and ask anyone with information on this case to contact the Sheriff's Narcotics Unit at 452-1295, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).

*****Photograph attached*****