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## **MEDIA ADVISORY: Latest Marijuana Grow Eradication Efforts**

Last week, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department's Narcotics Enforcement Team eradicated several marijuana grows at various locations throughout Fresno County.

On Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, investigators eradicated a grow in a rugged area west of the City of Coalinga. The grow had been apparently been abandoned for several days. 1,395 marijuana plants were destroyed.

On Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, with assistance from the U.S Forest Service and Campaign Against Marijuana Production (CAMP), investigators worked in the Sierra National Forest near the town of Big Creek. Investigators had to hike approximately two miles to get to the grow. The two mile hike had a 2,500' elevation change. Two marijuana grows were eradicated that contained 5,056 and 7,440 plants.

On Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, with the assistance of CAMP, investigators eradicated a marijuana grow in the Watts Valley area. 1,832 plants were destroyed

Yesterday, again with the assistance of the U.S Forest Service and CAMP, investigators eradicated a grow in the Sierra Nation Forest between Shaver Lake and Pine Flat Lake. 1,991 marijuana plants were destroyed.

In total, during the past week, 17,714 marijuana plants were destroyed with a street value of \$70,858,000.00.

The 2007 totals to date are now 136, 892 eradicated marijuana plants with a total street value of \$547,568,000.00.

These totals surpass the 2006 totals of 129,783 plants with an estimated street value of \$519,132,000.00.

**Anyone with information regarding the location of any marijuana grow, or any other narcotics information is asked to contact the Sheriff's Narcotics Hotline at 1-800-660-1086, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).**