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MEDIA ADVISORY: More Marijuana Grows

Investigators from the Fresno County Sheriff's Department's Metro Narcotics Enforcement Unit eradicated a large marijuana grow in the Jose Basin area northeast of Auberry.

Assisted by the U.S. forest Service and Campaign Against Marijuana Production, Sheriff's investigators eradicated 4,389 marijuana plants from the grow. The plants had an estimated street value of approximately \$17,556,000.00.

During the eradication effort, investigators located a campsite that included a kitchen area, several sleeping bags, various chemicals, fertilizer and rat poison. The grow also had a drip irrigation system.

No arrests were made and the investigation is continuing.

Several smaller marijuana grows have been eradicated in recent weeks bringing the 2007 total to approximately 165,000 plants. The estimated street value of the plants is \$660,000,000.00.

Anyone with information regarding any type of narcotics activity 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).