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Deputies Capture Wanted Felon with Illegal Marijuana Operation, Guns and Ammunition

Fresno County Sheriff's deputies have booked 58 year old Daniel Ferrell of Prather into the Fresno County Jail. He faces 18 felony charges related to possession of guns, ammunition and large capacity magazines. He also faces a misdemeanor charge for marijuana cultivation.

On Saturday, February 3rd, sheriff's deputies went to a home on the 32000 block of Whispering Springs Lane in Prather to search for a wanted felon named Daniel Ferrell. With the assistance of officers from the California Highway Patrol and U.S. Forest Service, deputies contacted Ferrell and took him into custody. Deputies performed a probation search of the home and found 18 loaded guns, some of which had been illegally modified. They also discovered a ballistic vest, large capacity magazines and 100 round drums, all of which were fully loaded with ammunition. A further search revealed some methamphetamine and 3,766 marijuana plants being grown. Ferrell had bypassed the home's electrical meter in order to avoid paying thousands of dollars in electrical charges. Deputies reported this to PG&E, which responded to handle the issue.

Anyone with additional information on Daniel Ferrell is asked to contact Sheriff's dispatchers at (559) 600-3111 or Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867. You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.

Under the provisions of California's Proposition 64, adults 21 and older may legally grow up to six marijuana plants inside a home or accessory structure that is fully enclosed and secure. A person may possess one ounce of marijuana and possess eight grams of concentrated marijuana. However, it is illegal to use in public, be under the influence while driving or possess on school grounds. Only licensed businesses are permitted to sell marijuana for recreational use.

Marijuana use and cultivation remains illegal under federal law.

Fresno County enforces a strict ban on all cannabis cultivation where more than six plants are present. Violations could result in several consequences:

- 1. Growers can be arrested.**
- 2. Growers can face heavy fines starting at \$1,000 per plant.**
- 3. Property owners, including family members, can be fined too.**
- 4. Prop. 215/SB 420 compliance will not stop enforcement.**
- 5. Additional fines, interest, legal fees and costs of abatement can be charged.**
- 6. County can place lien on property for unpaid fines.**

The Sheriff's Office takes all tips seriously and encourages the public to report suspected marijuana grow sites. If you are aware of any type of illegal drug activity, report it anonymously by calling the Narcotics Hotline at 1-800-660-1086 or Email:

drugtip@fresnosheriff.org