

# NEW VIEW



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## PUBLIC SAFETY- BUTANE HONEY OIL LAB SEIZED DESCHUTES COUNTY

On January 21, 2016 an Oregon State Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2004 Toyota 4Runner in Bend as the driver was using his handheld electronic device. It was discovered the driver, Trevor A THAYER, age 29, of Bend, had a suspended driver's license. A subsequent search of his vehicle led to the discovery of 63 pounds of processed marijuana.



Evidence from that traffic stop indicated a larger organization existed which was involved the unlawful production of butane honey oil and unlawful production and sales of marijuana. The investigation was continued

by OSP detectives and the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Team (CODE).

On March 30, 2016, two search warrants were executed at two locations in Bend as a result of the investigation. The first warrant was served at 56022 Remington Drive. The resident, Trevor THAYER (the subject of the initial traffic stop) was arrested for Unlawful Manufacture of Marijuana and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. He was booked in the Deschutes County Jail.

The Central Oregon Emergency Response Team (CERT) served the second warrant at 63465 Hamehook Road due to the size, location and information received about potential

hazards at that location. CODE and OSP detectives searched the residence and discovered the residence was not being lived in but being used only as a location to manufacture butane honey oil and grow marijuana.



A large scale butane honey oil operation was discovered including several pressurized vessels used to store butane which is extremely sensitive to heat and has a high explosion potential. The OSP Explosives Unit responded and rendered one of the vessels. Total evidence seized from both residences was over 136 pounds of marijuana, 104 mature marijuana plants, a butane honey oil conversion lab, and other evidence of the drug organization.

### OREGON LEGALIZATION UPDATE

This year the Oregon Legislature did everything they could to continue to open the door to out of state marijuana investors. HB3400 required a 2 year residency prior to being able to apply for a commercial marijuana licenses. This year the pro pot legislators removed the 2 year residency requirement, again opening the door for large out of state marijuana investors to flood in, buy up property in our rural residential farming communities.

These investors are setting up compounds with non see through fences with 5 to 10 layers of barbed wire around the top that look like prison compounds. One compound is on 20 acres and is 300' by 700' all without any required setbacks from neighboring homes. Neighbors are furious!



## CLACKAMAS COUNTY —Oregon 100 Commercial Pot Land Use Applications applied for since Jan. 4, 2016

Oregon legalized marijuana in November of 2014 through a ballot initiative. In 2015 the legislature redefined marijuana as an agricultural farm crop through HB3400 which

means that commercial marijuana can be grown and processed in all exclusive farm use areas without any neighbor notification or conditional use permits. HB3400 also gave local jurisdictions 4 options

since marijuana is still a federally illegal drug operating by cash only and brings with it a lot of public safety, quality of life, and property value risks to our communities.

1. Jurisdiction could OPT OUT if they voted 55% or greater
2. Under 55% they could send a referral to the voters to decide
3. Land Use Regulations
4. Do nothing and let it go to State rules *(Cont. page 2)*

# CITIZEN TELLS POT STORY AT FLORIDA DRUG SUMMIT

We have lived outside of Sandy for the past 9 years. The first 8 years were what we moved to the rural area for . . . Country Living.

Then a medical marijuana grower moved in our neighborhood. We no longer can enjoy that country living.



We used to sleep, in the summer, with our bedroom window open. We no longer can do that without smelling the skunk smell of marijuana.

We can no longer sit on our deck enjoying the morning sunshine and drinking our coffee, without smell-

ing the skunk smell of marijuana.

We have become more vigilant about who is at the end of our driveway now because of increased suspicious traffic.

The neighbors are on a dead end road, with only 4 homes on the road. Most are at work each day. We watch the cars that go up to the neighbors with a cynical eye, not trusting, anymore.

We contacted Citizens for Public Safety, Quality of Life and Property Values for help who has been our mentor and a God sent over these past 11 months.

Shirley has helped us to see that going and testifying at public hearings, in front of the county commission-



ers, and visiting our representatives, and we have let our senators and representatives in Oregon know that Not everyone is on board for this marijuana.

We learned that by taking our complaints to our officials that we could help to create safe drug policies, but we also learned that there are politicians who will intentionally overlook many of those complaints and simply open up commercial marijuana to be grown in about every zone.



JEAN ROBERTS

## PUBLIC SAFETY-Citizens meet with Senator Alan Olsen –Oregon

Citizens meet with Senator Alan Olsen to discuss the impacts of medical and commercial marijuana grows in their rural residential farming communities. Increased traffic, litter, noise, dangerous hash lab, marijuana production and suspicious people now frequent this once quiet rural Clackamas County community.



## PUBLIC SAFETY-100 Commercial Pot Land Use Applications *Continued*

In July of 2015 Clackamas County Commissioners were presented these options by the planning department in a commissioner policy meeting and three of the five Commissioners voted consistently to allow commercial marijuana through land use regulations without first having a public discussion about the impacts to our rural communities. (Commissioner Smith, Bernard, and Chair Ludlow)

Over 80 cities and 19 counties in Oregon have banned commercial marijuana in their cities and counties, therefore only leaving a handful who have opened the door to a federally illegal drug. The result is significant for Clackamas County-since the marijuana legalization law became official on Jan. 4, 2016, to date Clackamas County already has **100** marijuana land use applications

and **15** marijuana complaints. It was consistently brought before the county commissioners that approving such a program without first considering the costs would be foolish, as Clackamas County only has 4 code enforcement officers and most of the rural areas of the County only have 1 deputy at any given daypart of the day. (*Cont. page 3*)

# CITIZENS VISIT CAPITOL TO MEET LEGISLATORS



On Monday Feb. 8th , 2016 citizens visited the Oregon State Capitol to meet with legislators to talk about the how they have redefined marijuana as an agricultural crop which allows it to be grown in all exclusive farm use areas

without any neighbor notification or conditional use permits. Rural citizens are furious. Citizens made it clear that there are already too many unwanted marijuana grows in our communities.



Citizens designed their own web site to help educate the community.

[www.preserveruraleschutes.org](http://www.preserveruraleschutes.org)

[www.unwantedpotgrows.com](http://www.unwantedpotgrows.com)

## QUALITY OF LIFE - 100 Commercial Pot Land Use Applications –Citizen Complaints *cont.*

1. The skunk odor is so bad we can't even sit on our own front deck.
2. Out of State investors (Washington, Montana, Colorado, Alabama, Florida, California, Arizona, Nevada) are flooding into Oregon and setting up 300' x 700' compounds with 6' non see through fences with razor wire on the top.
3. Out of State investors are preying upon vulnerable properties and are enticing elderly owners with large sums of cash and getting them to carry the contract without telling them that they are growing pot.
4. Pot investors are buying up horse stables for pot grows.
5. Growers are setting up make shift green houses and blasting lights 24hours a day ruining night skies
6. Putting up gates with no turn around returns often pushing traffic into neighboring properties.
7. Putting up security cameras that invades privacy of neighbors.
8. Clear cutting all of the trees.
9. Doing Illegal excavation to create ground water ponds to water pot.

It is being touted that Clackamas County land use regulations are being used as a model for other counties, yet their land use regulations are the most liberal in the State and have opened up the door for commercial marijuana growing in almost every zone in the County. <http://www.clackamas.us/planning/marijuana.html>



## CITIZENS IN DESCHUTES COUNTY PUT UP BILLBOARD Oregon

Rural farming residents take a proactive stance to send a message to local and state officials that they do not appreciate the legislature redefining marijuana as an agricultural crop. What this means is that marijuana which is federally illegal can be grown in all exclusive farm use areas without any neighbor notifications or conditional use permits. So rural residents are seeing large compounds being built with 6' high fences with

Rural farming residents are concerned about their public safety, quality of life, and property values. Large 20 to 100 acres farming parcels are being purposed for the sole purpose of growing and processing recreational marijuana. While it was the urban voters who said yes to marijuana legalization, it was the rural voters who said no that we are being most impacted.





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**CONNECTIONS**

- **Monthly Connections**
- **Quarterly New View Newsletter**
- **Quarterly Community Educational Forums –Focus Marijuana**
- **Annual Nat'l Safe Drug Policy Summit-Focus Marijuana –April 2016**
- **Web Trainings**
- **Small groups meetings**



We believe we are socially responsible for preserving public safety, quality of life, and protection of property values on behalf of our communities and for the legacy of our children.

**After legalization, marijuana easier to come by than water, say high schoolers**

An explicit student-produced online documentary depicts a rampant culture of illicit drug taking by students at a top Portland public school, just months after recreational marijuana legalization came into effect in mid-2015. The filmmaker says Oregon should not have legalized Marijuana without implementing a comprehensive strategy to protect minors from the drug.

The film, called “Weed Documentary 2016 – High School!” appeared online earlier this month. It suggests an escalating problem with illicit student drug use at the public Cleveland High School in Southeast Portland, where the film’s producer, student Ben Grayzel, graduated in 2015.

In footage shot in January 2016, health teacher Jeff Zerba says “I think it is rampant, I think everybody uses it”. High schoolers in the film are seen consuming the drug, and express similar sentiments about the prevalence of drugs at the public school. In footage shot in a park close to the school in October 2015, one senior says “It’s so easy for us to get weed, to the point where it is like easier than getting water. I’ve had mornings where I smoke weed before I have even ate anything”.

An 8<sup>th</sup> grader who is in the company of Cleveland High students says “I’m fourteen, I started smoking when I was maybe twelve... I’m getting high pretty much every day”. The film also raises concerns about increasing numbers of students abusing prescription medication like Xanax recreationally.

When Oregon debated the legalization of weed in 2014, campaigners from the Pro-legalization Drug Policy Alliance, a non-partisan group back financially by well-known left-winger George Soros, said that the move would be the best way to protect minors from the drug. “People often confuse prohibition with control...We have an opportunity to create a responsible industry”, Dr. Amanda Reiman, an academic at the ultra-liberal UC Berkeley and policy official for the campaign group, told The Oregonian back then. **Read more:**

[http://oregoncatalyst.com/33232-legalization-marijuana-easier-waterhighschoolers.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+OregonCatalyst+%28The+Oregon+Catalyst%29](http://oregoncatalyst.com/33232-legalization-marijuana-easier-waterhighschoolers.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+OregonCatalyst+%28The+Oregon+Catalyst%29)

**LONG TIME HERO’S OF PREVENTION**



**John J. Coleman-President of the Board of Directors for Drug Watch International** Mr. Coleman served thirty-two years as a Special Agent of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) before retiring in January 1998 as one of its top management officials. His career included progressively important permanent assignments in the United States and Europe. His domestic field service included assignments as Special Agent in Charge of three separate DEA Field Divisions and Associate Special Agent in Charge and Assistant Special Agent in Charge of two others. As Assistant Administrator for Operations, the third highest position in the DEA, Mr. Coleman supervised an annual operating budget of \$816 million, and managed the activities of over 7,000 employees in 19 domestic divisions and 75 overseas offices. Mr. Coleman’s career included extensive executive and policymaking experience at the uppermost levels of government service. Mr. Coleman began his career in 1965 as an entry-level undercover drug agent on the streets of New York City and went on to eventually hold several of the most important positions in the agency. From 1991 until retirement in 1998, Mr. Coleman served at the highest rank (SES-06) of the federal Senior Executive Service. From 1991 to 1994, Mr. Coleman served as the Assistant Administrator for Operations, the highest non-Presidentially appointed position in the DEA.

**THANK YOU JOHN FOR YOUR LONG TIME SERVICE TO THIS NATION!**