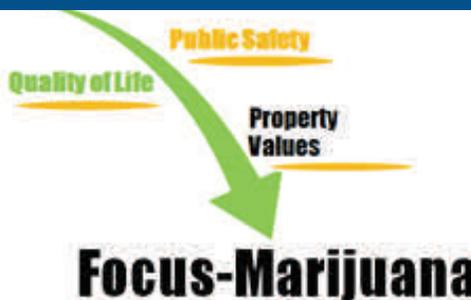


# CITIZENS VIEW



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## LIVING near marijuana grows can be unhealthy experience!

### SAVE THE DATE



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“I learned more in two days about marijuana than I ever did in my entire career on the bench as a Judge.”

By Richard Sedlock and Jerry Settlemeyer

Are the neighbors of large cannabis operations just collateral damage? Here’s what it’s like to live next to the industrial-scale marijuana operation.

Classified by the state as an “agricultural” crop, cannabis can be grown and processed in Lane County on lots surrounded by rural residential properties — with many undesirable but not really unexpected effects.

**Traffic and noise:** We have experienced a huge (six to 10 times) increase in traffic, notably heavy vehicle traffic. Many residents have abandoned their daily walks on this once-safe dead-end street. The facility emits a constant rattle of commercial-scale diesel generators running all day, every day.

**The stench:** For months, the intense, skunk-like, eye-

watering stench prevented us from opening our windows and doors to cool our houses on summer nights, raising nighttime temperatures to unhealthy levels and causing sleep deprivation and anxiety. For months, the stench forced us to involuntarily limit our outdoor time, for both work (in gardens and orchards, with animals, on various outdoor projects) and play (patios, porches, outdoor dinners, swimming pools, etc.).

**Water:** Cannabis requires irrigation water. State law prohibits pumping groundwater for irrigating recreational marijuana unless the property has irrigation water rights. Nevertheless, groundwater gets pumped for large-scale marijuana irrigation without such water rights, drawing down the local water table and affecting water levels in surrounding wells.

**Physical safety:** Cannabis may be classified as an agricultural crop, but the security concerns attached to it produce a cartel-like atmosphere with drones, security cameras and armed guards with high-powered rifles with ranges

of more than two miles.

**Intimidation:** In addition to these impacts, our neighborhood has been subjected to intimidation, threatened violence, profanity and arrogant bullying. Examples include sexual threats to young women; drone flights over neighbors, including children and an 80-year-old stroke victim mowing his lawn; frequent discharge of firearms, typically after a confrontation with a neighbor; neighbors stalked by employees with sidearms strapped to their waist; explosive outbursts of profanity; and verbal demands to get off of our own street.

Our neighborhood’s cannabis presence has forced itself to the forefront of our everyday lives and introduced a persistent fear for our health, sanity and physical safety. Many neighbors are so distraught and intimidated that they are planning to move away, leaving behind invested time and resources, memories and plans, and their attachment to a place — to their homes — with the dimly perceived goal of somehow starting all over in a place like our street used to be.

# OREGON-Klamath County Sheriff's office address marijuana complaints



KLAMATH COUNTY, Ore. — The Klamath County Sheriff's Office recently investigated complaints regarding marijuana grow sites.

**Sheriff's temporarily hired an experienced retired deputy to take the lead on investigating complaints regarding marijuana grow sites.**

According to the Sheriff's department, here are their findings:

## FINDINGS

62 different grow sites were identified, with information obtained through complaints, tips, interviews, aircraft flights, and law enforcement investigation. The majority were located in rural area east of Klamath County.

• 27 site checks were made for a determination whether the grow site was recreational or a medical grow site under the over-site of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP).

• Of the 8 OMMP sites visited, only 1 was found operating legally.

• 6 search warrants were served during the operation and 8 people were arrested and charged with a variety of offenses.

• 493 marijuana plants were seized. A value of \$2 to \$6.6 million depending on where it would have eventually been distributed.

• 91 pounds of manicured and processed marijuana were seized. A value of \$123,000 to \$406,000 depending on where it would have eventually been distributed.

• 22 unlawful firearms were seized as well as tactical gear and one set of soft body armor.

other states outside of Oregon. They are Nevada, Illinois, Florida, Minnesota, and Ohio.

Due to time constraints and resources, only 27 of the 62 identified grow sites were able to be visited this year. Enforcement efforts will be continued to be conducted in 2018. There will be 35 identified sites to investigate using 2017 information and additional information learned during the growing off-season.

KCSO was assisted by Klamath County Code Enforcement, Basin Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Forestry, and Emergency Air Lift who provided aircraft support.



\$15, 210 cash was confiscated as suspected profits of unlawful marijuana sales.

• Connections to the illegal grow sites were found in five

**Judge: No 'blanket immunity' for pot growers facing lawsuit.**

<http://www.capitalpress.com/Oregon/2017/11/24/judge-no-blanket-immunity-for-aspiring-pot-growers-facing-lawsuit>

# COLORADO-Spike in felony crimes has Colorado prosecutors pushing back on sentencing & prison reforms

Felony criminal filings across Colorado increased by nearly 50 percent in the past five years, prompting concerns that recent criminal justice reforms are letting dangerous individuals roam the streets.

Prosecutors and state officials still are trying to identify the causes for the swifter pace of felony filings. State statistics indicate that a recent surge in drug arrests may be partly responsible.

The Colorado District Attorneys' Council has alerted officials in Gov. John Hickenlooper's office to the increase and sought their help in analyzing crime trends. The council also has reached out to district attorneys throughout the state for more information on felony filings as it prepares to fight plans to push for further sentencing reforms in the upcoming legislative session.

Lawmakers ranging from Republican Sen. Kevin Lundberg of Berthoud, a member of the influential Joint Budget Committee that writes the state budget, to Democratic Sen. Daniel Kagan of Arapahoe County, a member of the Sen-

ate Judiciary Committee, want to overhaul Colorado's sex offender and habitual offender statutes to give judges more flexibility when sentencing offenders.

Prosecutors are pointing to the rise in felony filings as cause for caution. Several said they fear the legislature sent the wrong signal in 2013 when it created more leniency in drug sentencing. Under that change in law, defendants convicted of lower-level felony drug possession can have their convictions changed to misdemeanors after completing their probation. The new law restricted the ability of judges to sentence offenders convicted of certain drug crimes to prison, requiring them to first exhaust all other options.

District attorneys also blame the rising felony filings on state initiatives to keep more offenders out on parole and probation and under pretrial supervision instead of behind bars. **Others say the 2012 ballot initiative voters passed to make recreational marijuana legal has enticed career criminal transients to move from other states to Colorado.**

"There has been a lot of criminal justice reform in the last 10 years in Colorado," said Mesa County District Attorney Dan Rubinstein, who said his office is overloaded with a surge in crime. "Sometimes those pushes go too far and the pendulum needs to swing a little bit back in the other direction. There was needed criminal justice reform, but not everything has to always be about diverting people away from prison."

### Downward trend until 2011

Before the reform measures, felony filings were on the decline throughout the state. From 2007 through 2011, felony filings statewide gradually declined each year, decreasing from 44,245 to 35,966, a nearly 19 percent drop.

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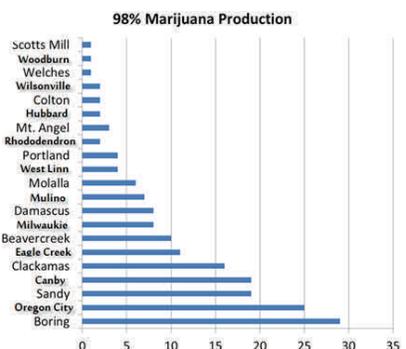
### Commercial Pot Land Use Applications - Citizen Complaints

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>

Pot growers have little respect for the environment or the surrounding neighbors. Many are cutting down all of the trees and many of the properties are surrounded by smaller lot rural residential land owners who now will be greatly impacted by these large outdoor pot grows. Pot growers, wholesalers, proces-

sors and retailers are taking over complete areas in our rural residential communities. In Boring Oregon of the 188 marijuana land use applications over 20% has targeted various areas of our rural residential farming community to set up their pot industry. In a 3 mile radius 5 commercial pot grows many unknown medical marijuana grows, butane hash oil processing center and 2 marijuana wholesalers. Outrageous! As you can see from the chart, the unincorporated area of Boring has been overrun with pot production facilities impacting the communities, public safety, quality of life, and property values.

### CLACKAMAS COUNTY-OREGON



A rural county legalized marijuana farms. It took their tax money – then voted to ban them

[https://www.yahoo.com/news/rural-california-grapples-green-rush-080323140.html?soc\\_src=social-sh&soc\\_trk=ma](https://www.yahoo.com/news/rural-california-grapples-green-rush-080323140.html?soc_src=social-sh&soc_trk=ma)



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**CONNECTIONS**

- **Monthly Connections**
- **Quarterly Citizen View Newsletter**
- **Quarterly Community Educational Forums –Focus Marijuana**
- **Annual Nat'l Safe Drug Policy Summit-Focus Marijuana –April 17-18 2018**
- **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.



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**\$1 M heist: They were carrying weed out with a cop here. The burglars made off \$ 1 million of pot product. Nov. 3, 2017**



CORVALLIS, Ore. (KOIN) — More than \$1 million worth of marijuana material was stolen from [Oregon Genetics](#) — in Benton County — sometime overnight Tuesday. Caleb Mata, the founder and CEO of the legal weed operation, said the burglars took off with 1,000 pounds of ready-to-sell marijuana and another 10 pounds of pure hash oil. “Taking anything from someone is wrong, but \$1 million — no matter which way you cut it is a lot of money to anyone,” Mata said. “They got away with a bunch of these black and yellow totes too, full of weed,” Mata said.

Based on the footage, Mata believes they spent about 15 minutes inside the warehouse — but spent another hour or 2 around the 6-acre property’s perimeter while making a huge haul. “Really the main thing is the more humans that we have with their eyes on the ground looking for this... it’s a million dollars worth of product ...the amount of mass is gigantic..it could fill this room,” Mata said. A sheriff’s deputy responded to the incident, but because of how big the property is — Mata said the deputy had no idea what was going on at the other end. “That’s the worst part about it,” Mata said. “They were literally carrying totes of weed out in the open with a cop here. It’s weird to think a cop could have been here and responded at the same time the burglars were here.”

<http://koin.com/2017/11/03/oregon-genetics-marijuana-warehouse-burglarized/>