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**OREGON STATE POLICE FIND 22,000 ILLEGAL POT PLANTS IN KLAMTH COUNTY**

On August 3, OSP detectives served a search warrant at an illegal marijuana grow on Harpold Road, Malin, Oregon. When they investigated further, they discovered over 85 thirty-foot by 100 foot greenhouses on the property that appeared to be growing illegal marijuana.

Detectives say they determined there were no permits to legally grow on the property for any purpose, and also found evidence there was potential theft of water and unlawful use of groundwater as part of the illegal grow.

<https://kobi5.com/news/oregon-state-police-find-22000-plants-on-illegal-marijuana-grow-in-klamath-co-162358/>

## LAW ENFORCEMENT RAIDS CENTRAL POINT WAREHOUSE FULL OF BLACK MARKET POT

**August 12, 2021**



**In Oregon** the Jackson County Sheriff's Office said that investigators found more than **6,000 pounds** of processed marijuana, believed to be worth about **\$15 million** on the black market.

Shortly after 3 p.m. on Tuesday, officers from the Illegal Marijuana Enforcement Team (IMET) went to search a warehouse in the 6,000-block of Agate Road in Central Point, assisted by Medford Area Drug and Gang Enforcement (MADGE) detectives. During the raid,

investigators found more than 6,000 pounds of processed marijuana packaged for shipment, in addition to about \$5,000 in cash. "Depending on where the shipment was headed, the street value of the drugs was approximately \$15 million,



Agustin Rodriguez of Lathrop, California.

<https://www.kdrv.com/content/news/Law-enforcement-raids-Central-Point-warehouse-full-of-black-market-marijuana-575086451.html>

### POLICE RAID

### ILLEGAL POT GROW OPERATION, 12 DETAINED

**June 21, 2021**, Grants Pass, Ore. (AP) Authorities say multiple law enforcement agencies served a search warrant at an illegal marijuana grow operation in southwestern Oregon. The Josephine County Sheriff's Office said Tuesday the search warrant was served during the week of June 21 at the pot operation in Selma.

More than **86,500 illegal marijuana plants** were seized and destroyed and that a firearm, water pumps and generators were seized as evidence, according to the sheriff's office news release. Twelve people were detained because of safety concerns, authorities said. No arrests had been made as of Tuesday. An investigation is ongoing.

# OVER 200,000 ILLEGAL POT PLANTS SEIZED

June 18, 2021

**Josephine County, Ore.** — Law enforcement agencies in Josephine County destroyed over **200,000 marijuana plants** that were seized from six properties while executing a search warrant in Selma and Cave Junction yesterday.

According to a press release from the Josephine County Sheriff's Office, on June 17, search warrants were executed as part of an investigation of illegal marijuana grow operations in Selma and Cave Junction, Oregon. In total, over 200,000 marijuana plants were seized and destroyed between six properties where search warrants were executed. Numerous water pumps, generator trailers and a tractor were seized as instruments used in criminal conduct relating to the illegal growth of marijuana.

Members of the Josephine Marijuana Enforcement Team (JMET) served the search warrants in partnership with Oregon State Police, Grants Pass Department of Public Safety, Rogue Area Drug Enforcement (RADE, consisting of Grants Pass DPS, OSP and Josephine County Parole and Probation), Illegal Marijuana Enforcement Team (IMET, consisting of Jackson County SO and Medford PD), Southwest Regional Marijuana Team from OSP, Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team (DINT), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Josephine County Code Enforcement and the Josephine County District Attorney's Office.

## String of Klamath County burglaries linked to illegal pot grow June 23, 2021

<https://www.kdrv.com/content/news/Sheriff-String-of-Klamath-County-burglaries-linked-to-illegal-marijuana-grow-574693561.html>

June 17, 2021

**Jackson County, Ore.** — Detectives with the Oregon State Police seized **74 greenhouses** and destroyed **52,804 illegal marijuana plants** when serving a search warrant in Eagle Point on June 10.

According to an Oregon State Police Facebook post, law enforcement around Jackson County have been working with the local water masters and code enforcement officers to combat the problems associated with illegal grow operations.

On Thursday, June 10, 2021, the Oregon State Police Drug Enforcement Section Southwest Region marijuana team served a search warrant at adjoining properties in the **1500 block of Alta Vista Rd. and the 700 block of Riley Rd. Eagle Point, Oregon.**

Upon initial service of the search warrant, both property owners were contacted and detained without incident.

**A total of 74 greenhouses, two barns, and two outdoor growing areas containing illegal marijuana plants were located on the properties. In all, 52,804 illegal marijuana plants were seized and destroyed.**

Five firearms and some US Currency were also seized. Additionally, Jackson County Code Enforcement

responded to the scene and issued one of the property owners a citation for the **unpermitted greenhouse structures and unpermitted electrical installations within those greenhouses. The property owner faces a potential fine of \$300,000.00 for these violations.**

The Oregon Water Resources Department District 13 also responded to the scene and subsequently issued **a citation for enlargement of the property owners existing water rights due to unapproved diversions of surface water.**

OSP was assisted during the investigation by the Illegal Marijuana Enforcement Team (IMET) of Jackson County, the Josephine Marijuana Enforcement Team (JMET), the Rogue Area Drug Enforcement (RADE) team, Jackson County Code Enforcement, and the Oregon Water Resources Department District 13.

<https://ktvl.com/newsletter-daily/over-50000-illegal-marijuana-plants-seized-and-destroyed>

## 100's of pot plants seized in raid in Alfalfa Oregon

<https://ktvz.com/news/crime-courts/2020/09/25/one-arrest-100s-of-plants-seized-in-raid-on-alfalfa-illegal-marijuana-grow/>

# SHERIFF: FAIRVIEW HOME USED FOR ILLEGAL POT GROW-1,600 PLANTS SEIZED

August 4, 2021

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OR** (KPTV) - Marijuana plants, dried product and thousands of dollars in cash were seized during an illegal grow bust at a Fairview home, according to the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office said a months-long investigation into the illegal marijuana grow started following reports of a strong odor in a Fairview neighborhood. The investigation led deputies to seize over **\$25,000 in cash, more than 1,600 plants, and 100 pounds of dried product.**

"While Oregon law does allow the growing of marijuana with some stipulations, this was far beyond the legal limit," the sheriff's office said.

According to the sheriff's office, **the entire Fairview home was being used for the grow operation.** The sheriff's office also said black mold and exposed wires inside the home prompted the fire department to shut power off. An exact address of the home was not provided.

The sheriff's office did not say if anyone was arrested or is facing charges connected to the illegal grow. The investigation is ongoing.



## ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROW- UNION COUNTY (PHOTO) OREGON

News Release from **Oregon State Police**

Posted on FlashAlert: **August 11th, 2021 10:48 AM**

The Oregon State Police and the Union County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation into illegal marijuana grow located at two separate properties in Union, Oregon. Investigators were able to develop probable cause the marijuana being grown, was in fact not licensed making it illegal.

The Oregon State Police applied for and were granted a search warrant for the two properties identified during the investigation. The Oregon State Police and the Union County Sheriff's Office successfully served the search warrant(s) on the properties identified. During the service of the search warrant(s), investigators obtained evidence at the properties associated with the illegal manufacturing of marijuana. No arrests have been made at this time.

The information is being sent to the Union County District Attorney's Office for consideration.

Here is some of what was found: Total plant count **2,168**

- Evidence of manufacturing edibles
- Processed marijuana
- Bulk cash (4k)





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



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# CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES FOUND & DESTROYED \$1 BILLION WORTH OF MARIJUANA PLANTS

A tip about **supposedly legal hemp** production led California investigators to fields of marijuana plants. **About 10 million of them.**

The Kern County Sheriff's Office -- with the help of the FBI and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife -- executed search warrants on 11 fields in the Arvin area, about 100 miles north of Los Angeles.

From the 459 acres of land, authorities destroyed about 10 million marijuana plants --- a value of approximately \$1 billion on the black market, the sheriff's office said.

"These illicit marijuana gardens were grown under the guise of legitimate hemp production," the sheriff's office said. The Food and Agricultural Code and Health and Safety Code define industrial hemp as containing less than 0.3% THC content.

Tests showed THC levels in those fields were much higher than the legal limit, the sheriff's office said. THC is the psychoactive substance within cannabis.

An investigation is ongoing, authorities said.

## KLAMATH NATIONAL FOREST 1st IN NATION TO REMOVE ALL IDENTIFIED ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROWS

Siskiyou County, CA — Klamath National Forest became the first national forest in the country to be cleared of all identified illegal marijuana grows on Friday, in the culmination of a years-long effort between multiple agencies.

The operation cleared **48 separate illegal marijuana grow sites** within the forest, which each pose significant threats to the surrounding environment and wildlife.

"When there's an illegal grow in place on the forest, it requires a tremendous amount of water. The girls, as they call the young plants, require a tremendous volume of water, and that water comes from the national forest. In a drought-prone area like this, this is a dry forest. Every bit of water counts," said **Rachel Smith, Klamath National Forest supervisor.**

Officials were quick to differentiate between the grow sites and legal marijuana cultivations, which they say are frequently designed carefully to ensure there are no adverse effects to people or the environment.

"Most of these trespassed grows are **cartel-controlled** and they contain **toxic chemicals**, many of which are banned in the United States, like Carbofuran. A quarter-teaspoon of which will kill a 600-pound black bear," said Rich McIntyre, Executive Director of the Cannabis Removal on Public Lands Project. (CROP) Established in 2018, CROP is a non-profit that seeks to increase state and federal resources for illegal grow removals, increase the law enforcement presence in National Forests, and increase criminal penalties for those bringing pollutants onto public lands. **To read full article see the below link:**

