



Vacaville Police Department

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Press Release

Today's Date: 6-13-10
Date & Time Occurred: 6-10-10 at 9:27 p.m.
Submitted By: Sgt. Jeff Van Gorden
Phone: 707.449.5219
Type of Crime/Incident: 11359 H&S Possession of Marijuana for Sale
11360 H&S Transportation and Sales of Marijuana
Case Number: 10-04431
100 block of Kiowa Court in Vacaville
Location: 1000 block of Horizon Drive in Fairfield
Suspects: Michael Caldwell DOB: 9-27-58
Katherine Caldwell DOB: 9-19-59

TWO SUBJECTS ARRESTED FOR DRUG-RELATED CHARGES

Approximately three months ago, Vacaville Narcotics Detectives (NET) became aware of a marijuana dispensary operating within the city limits. Further investigation revealed that the business, identified on-line as "The Vanjo Group", was operating from a residence in the 100 block of Kiowa Court in Vacaville without a business license for this purpose. Detectives conducted surveillance on the business and ultimately purchased marijuana from S-Katherine Caldwell, 50, in an undercover capacity. Narcotics detectives secured a search warrant which was ultimately served on the residence on June 10, 2010. A search of the residence and an associated warehouse in Fairfield located extensive evidence of marijuana sales in violation of current California State law.

Both S-Michael Caldwell, 51, and S-Katherine Caldwell were identified as the proprietors of the business which was run out of their home. Both suspects were arrested for possession of marijuana for sale. S-Katherine Caldwell was also arrested for transporting and selling marijuana to an undercover police officer. Both suspects were transported to the county jail in Fairfield for booking.

Narcotics Enforcement detectives are frequently contacting citizens who are unfamiliar with the current state of the law in California with regards to medical marijuana. Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act, does not authorize the sale of marijuana for profit to anyone. The City of Vacaville also has a moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries currently in effect which prohibits the operation of a Marijuana Dispensary within the city limits.

While California State Law authorizes some individuals to possess marijuana for medical purposes, the cultivation or possession of marijuana for sale is illegal.

The Vacaville Police Department has a zero tolerance policy towards illegal drug sales and use in our community. The public is encouraged to report all suspected drug activity to our DRUG TIP LINE at 449-5243. Callers can remain anonymous and all information is welcome.

Criminal activity can be reported at www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police, or you can call "Crime Stoppers" and leave an anonymous tip at 707-644-STOP (7867). Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.