

# Sheriff's Office

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## Investigation - 201602608

Update:

On Tuesday, May 24, 2016, Humboldt County Deputy Sheriffs responded to the 4000 block of Salmon Creek Rd at the request of Cal Fire to assist with evacuations in the area due to a structure fire, and possible explosive materials on scene. The fire resulted in the total destruction of one structure. No injuries were reported, and no residences were located on the property. CalFire, Humboldt Bay Fire HAZMAT, and Miranda/Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Departments put out the fire and secured the scene.

DEU responded to investigate, and discovered burnt remains of a Butane Honey Oil (BHO) lab. Marijuana bud/shake, butane canisters, nitrogen tanks, propane tanks, commercial grade ovens, and two commercial grade stainless steel hash extractor tubes were located at the scene.

A subsequent search of the property based on exigent circumstances resulted in the discovery of an extensive marijuana cultivation grow site. A Humboldt County Superior Court search warrant was consequently obtained and served on the property. Deputies with DEU and Drug Task Force (DTF) agents located marijuana growing outdoors, indoors, and inside greenhouses located on the property. Units located and eradicated 2,815 green growing marijuana plants between 6" and 3' in height.

The owner of the property has been identified. This investigation is currently ongoing. Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Previous: (5/24/16)

On May 24, 2016, at approximately 1055 hrs, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a request from Cal Fire to respond to a structure fire in the 4000 block of Salmon Creek Road in Miranda. It was reported that a possible Butane Honey Oil operation was in the structure.

Deputies responded and established a unified incident command with Cal fire personnel. The area was secured and Thomas Road and Salmon Creek Road were closed to all traffic. A public mass notification system was activated for an evacuation of the area within a one mile radius do to potential hazards associated with large butane and nitrogen tanks that were seen on the property.

At approximately 1434 hrs the fire was contained. Deputies from the HCSO Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) are currently on scene investigating.

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