

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE IDENTIFYING ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROWS WITHIN FOREST AND PRIVATE LAND WITHIN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

PLEASE LOOK FOR THE FOLLOWING INDICATIONS THAT SOMEONE MAY BE USING THE FOREST AND/OR PRIVATE LAND TO CULTIVATE MARIJUANA FOR NON-MEDICINAL PURPOSES.

- VEHICLES/PERSONS THAT ARE NOT EQUIPPED FOR RECREATIONAL USE OR LEGITIMATE PURPOSE
- SUBJECTS IN POSSESSION OF IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT (DRIP LINE), SOIL, BUG AND/OR RODENT POISON
- VEHICLES ARRIVING IN THE AREA AT ODD HOURS AND ONLY STAYING FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME
- VEHICLES WHO ARRIVE WITH SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS AND LEAVE WITH LESS
- SUBJECTS ENTERING OR LEAVING AREAS NOT TYPICALLY USED FOR RECREATION.

### WHY ARE THESE TYPES OF INVESTIGATIONS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

- THE RECENT INCREASE OF HOSTILE CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN GROWS AND CITIZENS USING THE FOREST FOR RECREATION. SUBJECTS WHO OCCUPY THESE GROWS ARE TYPICALLY ARMED.
- GROWS CONTINUALLY POLLUTE THE FOREST WITH PESTICIDES, TRASH AND ALTER THE NATURAL LANDSCAPE.
- TYPICAL FOREST GROWS ARE FUNDED BY MEXICAN DRUG CARTELS, WHICH THEN FUNDS LOCAL AND MEXICAN VIOLENCE, IN ADDITION TO FUNDING OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TRAFFICKING.
- IN 2009/2010, OVER 325,000 MARIJUANA PLANTS WERE LOCATED IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FOREST AND SURROUNDING RANCH LANDS, WORTH OVER \$900,000,000 MILLION.

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IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, YOU CAN ANONYMOUSLY CALL, FAX OR EMAIL. PLEASE PROVIDE AS MUCH DETAIL PERTAINING TO DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS (GPS IF POSSIBLE), AND SUBJECT/VEHICLE DESCRIPTIONS. **DO NOT** TAKE ACTION ON YOUR OWN, AS IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR GROWERS TO USE VIOLENCE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR MARIJUANA.

THE SANTA BARBARA SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS BEEN AWARDED A GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, TO BE USED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING ILLEGAL MARIJUANA OPERATIONS. NO COUNTY GENERAL FUND MONIES WERE USED TO PRODUCE THIS DOCUMENT.