

San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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SYNOPSIS:

On Thursday, June 24, 2020 at about 9:00 p.m., investigators from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department and San Diego Police Department served search warrants at six illegal marijuana dispensaries and three residences in Lakeside, unincorporated El Cajon and the City of San Diego. This is part of an ongoing, multi-month investigation being conducted with the assistance of the District Attorney's Office.

Investigators assigned to the Lakeside Sheriff's Substation worked in conjunction with County Code Compliance to address numerous community complaints related to unlicensed and illegal marijuana dispensaries located in residential neighborhoods and near local schools.

As a result of this operation, six adults were arrested for felony charges. Detectives seized more than \$221,000 in cash, as well as more than 1,000 pounds of marijuana, marijuana edibles, concentrated cannabis and six firearms.

Additional information regarding those arrested will be made available in the next couple of days.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You can also download the P3 anonymous tip app. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.