

Significant Lab Cases

Surveillance of suspected laboratory site nets 125 pounds of marijuana.

Los Angeles BNE/CALMS and **Orange BNE/CALMS** conducted a joint investigation/surveillance at a residence in Los Angeles. A suspect was arrested for \$50,000.00 in warrants and seven (7) pounds of marijuana in a cardboard box.

During the service of a search warrant of the residence, 118 pounds of marijuana was found inside the residence. There were two children living in the residence (ages 5 and 8). Due to the substandard living conditions of the residence LA County D.C.S. DEC social workers responded and placed the two children into protective custody. The suspect and his wife who lived at the residence were arrested for H&S 11359, H&S 11360a, and PC 273a(a).

Methamphetamine laboratory seized at remote ranch.

Redding BNE CALMS team with assistance from the **Butte, Tehama-Glenn and Shasta Task Forces, CAL-MMET, DEA** and **CHP** served a search warrant for a methamphetamine laboratory on a 30,000 acre ranch located in the foothills west of Willows. Seized at the laboratory site were two 22 liter reaction vessels (containing approximately 30 pounds of methamphetamine in solution), a loaded rifle, and assorted chemicals and apparatus used to manufacture methamphetamine precursor chemicals. Seven adults were arrested, and a two-year-old child was placed into protective custody.

\$2,500,000 of methamphetamine seized.

San Jose BNE/CALMS with the assistance of the **South Bay Methamphetamine Task Force (SBMTF)** served a search warrant at a residence in Salinas. Located in the residence was a methamphetamine laboratory with 160 gallons of meth in solution. (At four pounds per gallon, the methamphetamine in solution seized at this lab could have produced approximately 640 pounds with a street value of \$2,560,000.) Five children who were living at the residence were taken into protective custody under the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) protocol by **Monterey County Child Protective Services (CPS)**. Assisted by **Monterey County Sheriff's Deputies**, CPS transported the children to the hospital for evaluation, testing, and evidence collection. Four suspects were arrested.

Year long investigation nets 6 kilos of cocaine, \$110,000, and 12 arrests.

San Diego BNE/CALMS Unit, **DEA** , and **DEA Hawaii** served federal arrest and search warrants in San Diego, Los Angeles, and Hawaii in reference a year long investigation into a cocaine distribution organization operating out of the San Diego area. Prior to the takedown, approximately six kilograms of cocaine and about \$115,000 was seized by various agencies. Twelve of the thirteen suspects were arrested in the sweep.