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Search Warrant Served For Illegal Marijuana Dispensary

San Diego—On May 3, 2017, at approximately 0900 hours, the San Diego Police Department’s Narcotics Unit served a search warrant at 2438 Commercial Ave. This location was an illegally operating marijuana dispensary called Downtown Wellness.

The search warrant yielded approximately 2.4 lb. of marijuana, 800 edibles and concentrated cannabis, and \$2000 cash. Two employees were arrested and issued citations for operating a business without a license and sales of marijuana.

Enforcement and Prosecution of other Illegal Marijuana Businesses in San Diego

Since March of 2016, 55 illegal marijuana dispensaries have been closed down through the use of search warrants and other enforcement efforts. This has been a joint effort by the SDPD and the City Attorney’s Office to vigorously enforce and prosecute flagrant violations of the law. Dozens of property owners and operators have been fined, criminally charged, and prosecuted for operating these illegal businesses without a permit and illegally selling marijuana. As of today, only a few illegal dispensaries remain and enforcement will continue. SDPD and the City Attorney’s office have also begun to conduct enforcement on all illegal marijuana delivery services, marijuana farmers markets, marijuana “tours”, and any other illegal marijuana businesses operating in the City of San Diego. All persons operating any of these illegal businesses will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.