

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, June 1st, 2017

CONTACT:

Lt. Matt Novak at (619) 531-2784 or mnovak@pd.sandiego.gov

Search Warrant Served For Illegal “Hybrid” Marijuana Dispensary

San Diego—On May 31 2017, at approximately 1130 hours, the San Diego Police Department’s Narcotics Unit served a search warrant at 4009 Park Blvd. This location was an illegal, “one stop shop”, for purchasing marijuana. Customers could get a marijuana recommendation then be referred to another office inside the building where they would pay for marijuana, marijuana edibles, or marijuana concentrates. Once they paid they were then directed out the front door to a person sitting in a vehicle that contained all of the marijuana products. All of this was done illegally under the name of Green Orchard Dispensary.

The search warrant was served on the office and the vehicle which yielded approximately ¾ lb. of marijuana, 280 edibles and concentrated cannabis, 2 grams of cocaine, and 15 Ecstasy pills. Two employees were arrested. One was booked into jail for sales of marijuana, felony possession for sales of a controlled substance (cocaine and ecstasy), and operating an illegal dispensary. The 2nd employee was issued a citation for sales of marijuana and operating an illegal dispensary.

Continuing Enforcement of Illegal Marijuana Businesses in San Diego

Since March of 2016, 58 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 San Diego Police Department and the San Diego 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. As was evident by the enforcement action yesterday, SDPD and the City Attorney’s office continue to conduct enforcement on all illegal marijuana businesses including modified, or “hybrid”, versions of the storefront dispensaries, 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 arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

###