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Search Warrant Served For Illegal Marijuana Dispensary

San Diego—On May, 13 2017, at approximately 1300 hours, the San Diego Police Department’s Narcotics Unit served a search warrant at 2567 University Ave. This location was an illegally operating marijuana dispensary called Universe City.

The search warrant yielded approximately 50 lb. of marijuana, 3000 edibles and concentrated cannabis, 8 vials of PCP, and \$5000 cash. In total, 4 employees were arrested. Two of those were issued citations for operating a business without a license and sales of marijuana. The owner and operator of the illegal dispensary was booked into jail for sales of marijuana and operating a business without a license, and a 4th employee was booked into jail for sales of marijuana, operating an illegal business, and felony possession for sales of a controlled substance (PCP).

Enforcement and Prosecution of other Illegal Marijuana Businesses in San Diego

Since March of 2016, 59 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 arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.