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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SETTLES WITH TWO MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES Defendants cease operations and are to close immediately

San Diego, CA: Two Pacific Beach marijuana dispensaries have signed civil settlement agreements with the City Attorney's Office, permanently enjoining and restraining them from operating a marijuana dispensary in the City of San Diego. Both dispensaries were actively advertising for business, including on the internet.

Defendants Jerry & Richie Vue, the operators of "Medicated" located at 841 Turquoise Street and Sanda Vue, the operator of "Mari-Medic Farmacy" located at 4780 Mission Bay Drive, have each agreed to pay \$3,000 in civil penalties, and approximately \$1,000 each in investigative costs. If they violate the terms of the stipulated agreement in the future, \$17,000 in suspended civil penalties may be imposed on each operator.

The City Attorney's Office has caused closure of about 100 dispensaries since 2011 when enforcement actions began. Courts have been consistent in enforcing San Diego's zoning laws that do not allow marijuana dispensaries anywhere in the city. "The law is clear and will be enforced," said City Attorney Jan Goldsmith. "I urge folks to work with the City Council to enact a reasonable zoning ordinance rather than violate existing law." Goldsmith added that his office has prepared a draft amended ordinance and is happy to move an ordinance forward upon direction from the Council and Mayor. In the meantime, however, marijuana dispensaries are not permitted in the city.

Dispensary cases are referred to the City Attorney's Office by the Code Enforcement Services Unit of the Development Services Department. Enforcement of marijuana dispensaries temporarily came to a halt during the previous mayoral administration, as the City Attorney's Office did not receive any cases. Enforcement resumed under the current Interim Mayor, and the Code Enforcement Unit began referring cases in September.

The City Attorney's Office is currently investigating approximately 10 additional dispensary cases.

[The City Attorney's Code Enforcement Unit](#) addresses nuisance properties and code violations throughout San Diego. The Unit works in partnership with the City's Code Enforcement Services Unit, the San Diego Police Department, and the community to identify and aggressively address code violations and nuisance properties. Community members can report property violations to Code Enforcement Services at 619-236-5500.

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