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**DA'S NEW CANNABIS REGULATION TASK FORCE SERVES SEARCH WARRANT
AT JURUPA VALLEY DISPENSARY ALLEGED TO BE OPERATING ILLEGALLY**

RIVERSIDE – The Riverside County District Attorney’s Office has created its countywide Cannabis Regulation Task Force (CRTF). The purpose of the task force is to protect properly licensed legal cannabis businesses and enforce regulatory requirements which protect the environment and consumers.

Today, August 23, 2018, the task force served its first search warrant at a dispensary alleged to be operating illegally in the City of Jurupa Valley. The District Attorney’s Bureau of Investigation, which leads the new task force, developed information about a dispensary being operated from a large modular trailer on a dirt lot in Jurupa Valley. It had been advertising on various cannabis-related websites as “The Mission” and “35 CAP.”

When CRTF investigators served the search warrant today, they seized numerous items from the location including several pounds of cannabis, THC pods, edibles, paraphernalia, wax, and vape cartridges. Also seized was about \$900 in cash. Several people were detained at the location but no arrests have been made and the investigation is ongoing.

This is the first of several operations by DA investigators, who along with allied agency CRTF partners, are working together to clamp down on unlicensed dispensaries throughout Riverside County.

“The Hemet Police Department is proud to partner with the District Attorney’s Office and other allied agencies to regulate and enforce newly created marijuana laws,” Hemet Police Chief Rob Webb said. “Since the marijuana industry is growing at a fast pace the task force model is the most efficient and effective way to tackle these issues. We look forward to seeing the new task force go after and shut down the illegal dispensaries in Hemet and increase our law enforcement resources throughout the entire county.”

District Attorney Mike Hestrin said, “I want to thank the Hemet Police Department for their early contributions to our efforts and look forward to working with our other law enforcement partners.”

The aim of the task force is not to shut down legally operating facilities, but rather to ensure fair business practices and keep criminal activity out of the legal cannabis industry and out of our communities.

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