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Three Search Warrants Yield 193 Marijuana Plants.

Ceres, California - Residents in the 1600 block of Don Pedro Road were tired of watching strange people in and out of two homes in the neighborhood and the strong odor of Marijuana raised suspicions among the concerned citizens of a possible cultivation was occurring in their own backyards.

Several neighbors reported the suspicious activity to the Ceres Street Crimes Unit, who began to canvas the area and observed a 12 foot Marijuana plant that had grown above the fenceline of a home on the north side Don Pedro Road. Investigators gathered enough information to obtain three search warrants.

On September 6, 2012, at 07:45 AM, the Street Crimes Unit, Detectives and the Ceres SWAT team swiftly descended on three homes. After they were secured, the investigators were amazed to see so many tall marijuana plants.

In the backyard of a Don Pedro residence, 78 plants stood at about 12 feet tall. These plants appeared to have been well taken care of and the unique Marijuana mint odor of the plants was noticeable from the street.

The other Don Pedro home yielded approximately 50 plants and the home on El Camino Avenue had plants that stood about three feet tall and appeared ready to be harvested.

A total of 193 plants were seized, weighing approximately 2,930 pounds. The estimated street value of the seizure is about \$8,790,000.00

No arrests have been made as of yet and investigators are working on identifying the owners of the three cultivations and are attempting to determine if the three homes are related in any way. This investigation is still ongoing.

Ceres investigators are asking anyone with information in this case or if anyone has any suspicions of any illegal activity of this nature to contact the Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers at:

Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers.

Phone number: 1-866-60-CRIME

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