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Sheriff's Office Releases First Quarter Statistics on Illegal and Black-Market Marijuana Enforcement Efforts

On January 1, 2018, House Bill 17-1220 concerning measures to stop diversion of legal marijuana to the illegal market was put into law. Sheriff Bill Elder made it one of his top priorities to go after black-market marijuana and the illegal marijuana grows in El Paso County.

The Sheriff's Office enforcement efforts accomplished from January 1 - March 31, 2018 are:

- 30 Search Warrants
- 30 Knock and Talks
- 2,425 plants seized (Street Value of approximately $12 million)
- 258 pounds of processed MJ seized (Street Value of approximately $1 million)
- 1 MJ Trimming Machine seized (Value of $10 k)
- 13 guns seized
- 16 arrests made

The Sheriff's Office will continue to aggressively go after those who are involved in the black-market marijuana and illegal marijuana grows.

We would like to thank our partners with the Metro Vice Narcotics Intelligence Unit (Metro VNI) and the Drug Enforcement Administration for all their support and collaboration.

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