
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



CASE NUMBER: 11-6419

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 08-31-11 7:13 am

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NATURE OF STORY: Search Warrant

LOCATION: Blok Lane, rural southern Lane County

INVOLVED:

Jerry Fruichantie, 76, of 73990 Blok Lane
Unlawful Manufacturing, Possession and Delivery of marijuana

Samantha Fruichantie, 36, of 73990 Blok Lane
Unlawful Manufacturing, Possession and Delivery of marijuana

Russell Nealey, 40, 73990 Blok Lane
Unlawful Manufacturing, Possession and Delivery of marijuana

Vera Saltsman, 48, 73990 Blok Lane
Tamper w Evid, Inter w Police, Frequenting place w Controlled Substances

Brian Nealey, 38, 73990 Blok Lane
Unlawful Possession Controlled Substance, Unlawful Manufacturing Marijuana, Unlawful Delivery Marijuana, Unlawful Possession Mushrooms

Donald Froggatte, 46, address unknown
Unlawful Possession Controlled Substance, Unlawful Possession Marijuana

DETAILS:

At 7:13 am on 08-31-11, Lane County Sheriff's deputies, supported by officers from Junction City, Cottage Grove, the Oregon State Police and the Bureau of Land Management served a search warrant on a compound in southern Lane County.

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Sheriff's investigators developed probable cause to believe that significant quantities of marijuana were being cultivated and trafficked illegally from a property on Blok Lane. Because of the size of the parcel of land involved (40 acres), a large force of officers was required to safely secure the property.

The warrant was served without incident and resulted in the seizure of almost 400 marijuana plants, of which over 350 were mature plants and over \$20,000.00 in cash. Six adults on the property were cited for various violations. The Department of Human Services also removed 5 children, who had been on the property.

Sheriff's officials had received information alleging illegal marijuana sales on the property periodically for some time. While some of the people cited hold Oregon Medical Marijuana Program cards, the number of plants involved is significantly over the legal limits for production for medical purposes. The Sheriff's Office investigation also indicates that a significant amount of the marijuana grown on the property was being sold illegally in both Oregon and California. This compound included growing rooms constructed underground which, while not in use at the time of the raid, have clearly been used in the past. There were additional growing areas inside buildings and outside on the property.

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