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On June 4, 2008 the Honorable Judge Marilyn Miles sentenced John Devoe and Clare Holmes to felony probation and 30 days in jail for cultivating marijuana.

On August 20, 2007 agents with the Humboldt County Drug Task Force served search warrants on six properties that belonged to Mr Devoe and Ms. Holmes. The investigation began based upon an anonymous tip. Agents then obtained P G & E records for the properties prior to seeking search warrants for any of the homes.

At 2929 Greenbriar Lane in Arcata, the agents found 216 marijuana plants in four grow rooms and 21 pounds of processed marijuana bud (17 pounds were packaged in one pound bags.) P G & E records showed the power usage ranged from 2,420 to 8,065 kilowatt hours per month over the past 16 months. At 1271 Anina Way in Arcata, the agents found the house to be empty except for 18 marijuana plants with six grow lights in one room and in another room potting soil and cultivation equipment. The house had a damp, moldy smell. P G & E records showed 6,380 kilowatt hours were used in June 2007. At 200 California Avenue in Arcata, the agents again found a house with no furniture and the walls and floors covered in mold. The house was being used at that point for storage of soil, grow lights and other materials. P G & E records showed monthly usage ranging from 1,251 to 4, 415 kilowatt hours for the prior 16 months. Further, law enforcement found a calendar that described the grow and water cycles.

At 1685 Hyland Street in Arcata, the agents located Ms. Holmes. In a brown bag agents located \$20,000 in cash. An additional \$1,429 was found separately. There was also approximately 3 pounds of marijuana trim located at that residence. The defendants two remaining properties, at 536 Nature Lane in Arcata and 117 Berry Road in Trinidad did not contain any contraband.

In addition to the money found in the residence with Ms Holmes, bank and stock accounts were seized and the monies from all sources totalling in excess of \$66,000 were seized by law enforcement and the defendants agreed to forfeit those monies as part of the plea.

Ms. Holmes was represented by Ann Moorman, Mr Devoe by Mark Harris, and the case was prosecuted by Maggie Fleming.