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Yesterday the Honorable Judge Dale Reinholtsen sentenced 58 year old Joseph Barclay to prison for two years for possession of marijuana for sale. The co-defendant in the case, 49 year old Judy Prokopiak was sentenced to 180 days in jail for possession of marijuana for sale.

The case began in Oregon in November, 2005 where law enforcement officers investigated a conspiracy to distribute controlled substances. The surveillance that was conducted led to the police contacting Judy Prokopiak. The Oregon officials notified local authorities of her address. The Humboldt County Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement investigated and ultimately served search warrants at numerous locations in Arcata and Samoa that the two defendants owned or leased. Mr Barclay and Ms. Prokopiak were at home at their residence on Zelia Court when the search warrant was served at that location. In the home, law enforcement officers found 71 pounds of processed and drying marijuana, and \$30,000 in cash.

At 2535 Alliance Road the agents found 97 growing marijuana plants and 43 pounds of marijuana that was drying. At 1355 Samoa Road #11 agents found 3 separate grow rooms which contained 183 marijuana plants and 8 pounds processed marijuana. At 1355 Samoa Road (a separate building) the agents found 2 grow rooms with 302 plants. At 2354 Broadway Road the agents found 49 plants and 4 pounds processed marijuana. The total amount seized was 191.5 pounds, 631 plants and \$30,000 in cash.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Maggie Fleming. Mr. Barclay was represented by Russell Clanton and Ms. Prokopiak by Glenn Brown.

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