

MARIJUANA CULTIVATION AND CAPTURING THE CRIMINALS

Cultivation of marijuana groves in the foothills and mountains of Tulare County is a growing business. It is not only lucrative for growers, but extremely dangerous to unsuspecting sportsmen and hikers who accidentally come across these armed camps.

Simply cutting down and disposing of marijuana plants does nothing to deter this illegal activity. Aggressive investigation, arrest and conviction of those responsible is essential if we, as the law enforcers of this county expect to make our county safe and allow all recreational users of our parks and forest land to do so without risk of encountering this lethal criminal element.

Although, eradicating marijuana plants does remove contraband from the streets, it does not hold those responsible for the illegal cultivation accountable. The arrest and conviction of those responsible for this illegal activity must supersede the mere cutting down of marijuana plants.

I'm John Zapalac. Thanks for listening.