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Two Arrested for Thefts at Legal Marijuana Businesses in Pueblo County

Pueblo, CO: Pueblo County Sheriff's Deputies arrested two Colorado Springs men Tuesday for theft of marijuana product valued at more than \$269,000 from two legal marijuana operations in Pueblo County. The related thefts occurred in a less than a two-hour time span at a dispensary in Pueblo West and a marijuana grow in eastern Pueblo County.

"I want to commend my deputies for the great work they did in connecting these incidents, which occurred on opposite sides of the county, and quickly making arrests," said Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor. "This is the second time in less than two weeks that deputies have made arrests in thefts at legal marijuana operations in Pueblo County."

Sheriff's deputies responded at about 11:50 p.m. Monday night (January 18) to The Spot 420 dispensary, 748 E. Industrial Blvd., on a report of a security alarm going off in the building. When deputies arrived, they found a hole in one of the walls of the building. Deputies entered the building and found evidence that someone had been in the building and had tampered with marijuana product. Deputies searched the building but did not find anyone inside. Employees of the dispensary arrived and reported there was an estimated \$13,500 in lost or damaged marijuana product and \$2,000 in damage to the building.

Video footage obtained from the business showed a Chevy Tahoe parked in an alley near the building with four individuals in dark clothing walking toward the business. The individuals are then seen entering the building through the large hole they made in the side of the building. Deputies did not locate the vehicle or any individuals on the property.

At about 1:40 a.m. Tuesday (Jan. 19), deputies responded to a burglary-in-progress call at Los Suenos, a legal marijuana grow, at 46795 Highway 96. While en route to the call, deputies found a Chevy Tahoe parked on the shoulder of the road about a half mile from the marijuana grow. The vehicle matched the description of the vehicle that was seen in the video obtained at The Spot 420.

Video footage from Los Suenos showed multiple individuals inside the fenced area of the business. The individuals were seen leaving the area shortly before deputies arrived. Deputies located a man walking west on Highway 50, who matched the description of one of the individuals seen inside the fenced area of the business. The man, identified as Aundris Hence,

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32, was taken into custody. A sheriff's deputy and his K9 partner searched a field southwest of the business where the K9 located a second man, identified as Damien Evans, 29, hiding under a tree in a field. Evans was taken into custody without incident.

Deputies later learned that 15 barrels of marijuana product stolen from Los Suenos was found scattered throughout the area. The estimated value of the product was \$255,502.

Evans and Hence were arrested in connection with burglaries at both The Spot 420 and Los Suenos. Evans and Hence were each arrested on two counts of second-degree burglary, two counts of criminal mischief, first-degree criminal attempt, theft, possession with intent to manufacture and distribute marijuana (18-4-406 (2)(b)(i)(3)) and possession of marijuana more than 12 ounces or more (18-18-406(4)(a)). Both have been booked into the Pueblo County Jail.

The investigation into both incidents continues. Additional arrests may be forthcoming.

On January 6, deputies arrested three people in the theft of marijuana at a legal grow located just outside the east city of limits of Pueblo.

Anyone with information about any of these incidents is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at (719) 583-6250 or Crime Stoppers at (719) 54-STOP (7867).

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