

Dear Leslie,

My name is Thomas Dewey and I am Chief of Police at Humboldt State University. The issue of marijuana and in particular, medical marijuana, continues to be extremely troublesome here. The President of our University, Rollin Richmond, is interested in exploring ways in which legislation might be developed with the goal of "tightening up" SB 420 and Prop 215, so that there is less opportunity for criminals to exploit weaknesses in medical marijuana regulations.

At Humboldt State, we have had students pistol-whipped and stabbed in the face in on-campus felony assaults related to marijuana dealing. The use of "medical marijuana" defenses makes it challenging for the University to deter recreational marijuana use and on-campus sales activity. Although the odor of marijuana permeating our residence halls is certainly troublesome as we try to recruit and retain the brightest academically-minded students, we are gravely concerned about the continued threat of violent assault and invasion-style robbery, and the safety risk that it poses to both involved and innocent students alike. A bullet could easily pass through the wall separating one small residence hall room from another.

Please let me know how I, and HSU President Richmond, might be better informed about current legislative efforts to deter/restrict/curtail criminal activity associated with "medical" marijuana.

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

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