

CITY OF REDDING

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**To:** Leslie McGill, CPCA  
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**Subject:** CPCA Issue/Medicinal Marijuana Dispensary Information  
Medicinal Marijuana Investigation

In 2005, a medical marijuana dispensary opened within the city limits of Redding. The dispensary was located in an industrial area. There was no effort to hide the business and customers freely went to and from the business purchasing “medicinal” marijuana.

The Redding Police Department opened an investigation for the unlawful sales of marijuana. Utilizing undercover agents, visits were made to a local physician who wrote a prescription for a fee. No physical exam was conducted by the physician, only verbal questioning. The undercover agent then went to the business and obtained the medicinal marijuana.

In December of 2005, a search warrant was obtained for the business and the owner’s residence. The search warrant was conducted by Redding Police Officers, Shasta County Sheriff’s Deputies, and agents from the FBI, DEA, and IRS.

Six individuals, including the owner and manager have been charged with possession of marijuana for sale. The trial is scheduled to begin in September of 2007.

Other than the unlawful sales of marijuana charges filed during the Redding Police investigation, there have been no other crimes reported associated with the business. The original business has been closed. In spring of 2007, a new medicinal marijuana business opened in Redding under a different name, at a different location, but apparently under the same management.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.