

Dear Supervisors,

There seems to be a huge increase in violent drug related crime as of late. Much of it appears to be connected to the illegal pot industry and we are seeing extremely violent criminals coming into the county with bad intentions.

I have no stake in the pot industry and never have. Never will. Having said that I understand there is a legal 'regulated' avenue now occurring in our county. I would guess there are far more illegal grows than there are legitimate ones and it is time to address it vigorously.

I am seeing truckload after truckload of water going to the hills. I'm sure the environmental damage occurring is devastating. Obviously we are experiencing alarming high crime events connected to all this marijuana. Covelo seems to be under siege by bad actors with bad attitudes who are growing illegally.

I would suggest that our Sheriff be given everything he needs to deal with the marijuana black market and the threat it is posing to the citizens of Mendocino County. MCSO appears to be very focused on the safety of our communities and for that I am thankful. Let's make the safety and security of Mendocino County citizens a priority.

Sincerely,
Marty Arkelian

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