

I would urge all of you to pick up a copy of this week's *Willits Weekly* newspaper (Thursday - October 1, 2020)

In it, you will find a particularly poignant plea from Mendocino County Sheriff Matt Kendall for the communities' support to combat a growing problem in the County, ie., the criminal element that's being attracted to the area by the illegal growing of marijuana. (Page 2, titled "Illegal marijuana fueling growing crime problem.")

Sheriff Kendall has my full support — who else would I look to to keep us safe? Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, Willits Police Department, Little Lake Fire Department, and Brooktrails Fire Department — all of them need our cooperation and you need to be aware of that cooperation and support for their efforts.

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