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PRESS RELEASE

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On Wednesday Aug. 15th, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and members of the Multi-area Narcotics drug unit, BCI & I, and a helicopter from the Butler County Sheriff, spotted and seized 140 marijuana plants from three (3) different residential properties in Putnam County. Numerous pieces of equipment used in "grow operations" was also seized as part of the investigations.

As part of a state wide marijuana eradication program, a fly over of the entire county was performed netting the 6 foot tall plants and equipment. The plants are estimated to be worth \$1000.00 each, equating to over \$140,000.00 street value. No one was arrested at this time, although charges are pending...therefore no release of names as of yet pending the investigation.

The dry weather has been a notable effect throughout the state this year for the illicit crop.

Sheriff James Beutler