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City of Benicia Initiates Lawsuit Against Operators and Property Owners of Illegal Cannabis Cultivation Operation

Benicia, CA (December 23, 2019) — On December 23, 2019, the City of Benicia filed a lawsuit against the operators and property owner of an illegal cannabis cultivation operation. The Benicia Police Department discovered the illegal cultivation operation in September of this year while responding to a call for service at the subject property. The persons named in the lawsuit include Evergreen Relief, Inc., Dominic Chan, Marshall Tuttle, Janet Tuttle, and Raglan Tuttle.

The lawsuit seeks declaratory and injunctive relief to prohibit all cannabis cultivation and other illegal conduct at the premises. The lawsuit further seeks nearly \$500,000 in civil and administrative penalties from the defendants. Both the business operator and the property owner are included in the suit after failing to shut down operations and cease activities.

“While the City of Benicia supports legal cannabis operations and welcomes new cannabis businesses that conform with the law, illegal operations that support the black market for cannabis will be dealt with swiftly and harshly,” said City Manager Lorie Tinfow. “We will use all the means available to us to protect the community from any illegal activity.”

The Defendants will have the opportunity to respond to the City's complaint.

The Benicia Police Department encourages anyone who has evidence of illegal cannabis operations to report that information. Confidential reports can be made to 707-745-3411.

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