



The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) out of Chicago, IL initiated an investigation into the importation and distribution of marijuana in the Chicago area. During this investigation, it was found that marijuana was being transported from Colorado Springs, CO to the Chicago area in large quantities for distribution, with the drug proceeds being transported back to Colorado Springs.

In March 2011, the DEA conducted surveillance on several identified suspects and locations in the Colorado Springs area. A suspected vehicle was identified and later stopped. Approximately 8 pounds of marijuana was recovered. Later, a controlled delivery was arranged and the marijuana was delivered to other suspects in the Chicago area. This delivery resulted in arrests and the seizure of money, guns, and additional narcotics.

The information regarding the possible source in Colorado Springs was forwarded to the Metro Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Division, in June 2011. MVNI Detective Lehmkuhl, initiated an investigation and located two residences used to cultivate and package the marijuana for distribution. One of the homes shut down operations prior to obtaining a search warrant and the suspect could not be located. Another search was conducted at the second address located at 2745 Oro Blanco Drive. Detectives located 42 marijuana plants, a grow operation set up for approximately 500 or more marijuana plants and 3.5 pounds of marijuana.

On November 2, 2011, detectives from the Illinois State Police operating as part of a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task, Force came to Colorado Springs continuing the DEA investigation. Working with detectives from the MVNI Special Enforcement Unit and other narcotic detectives, a controlled operation was conducted which involved picking up and transporting 50 pounds of marijuana from Colorado Springs and transporting it to the Chicago, Illinois area for a controlled delivery. During the course of the investigation, Metro VNI detectives linked the suspect, who was involved in the delivery of the 50 of lbs. of marijuana, to an address located in Elbert County, Colorado.

On November 4, 2011, MVNI investigators coordinated with the Illinois State Police, executing three search warrants in Colorado Springs and Elbert County, CO while the Illinois State Police began making their arrests and seizure of illegal narcotics and the currency associated with the transactions.

Following the execution of the search warrants In Colorado Springs and Elbert County, Colorado a total of 140.5 pounds of refined marijuana and 26 marijuana plants were recovered. The Elbert County search warrant involved a large remote property (approx. 100 acres) with numerous grow sites located inside of numerous buildings and green



houses throughout the vast property. Other grow locations were discovered outside on the property, concealed among large pine trees and rock outcroppings. The entire location was used for the cultivation; manufacture packaging and distribution of illegally grown marijuana.

The success of this operation is due to the cooperation and coordination between the Illinois State Police, Metro Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Division, Elbert County Sheriff's Office, Colorado Springs Tactical Enforcement Unit and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

The following were arrested, in the Chicago Illinois area and are principle players in this investigation all have ties to both Chicago Illinois and Colorado Springs/Elbert County:

Daniel Haggerty
Matthew M. Tunzi
Anthony M. Munizzi
Mary E. Miller

- Mary was the only one released pending further investigation. All three other subjects charged with **Cannabis Trafficking, Unlawful Delivery of Cannabis, and Possession of Cannabis which are class X felonies (our highest charge in Illinois)** No photos are available. No additional information is available reference the arrest and operation in the Chicago Illinois area.

No further details will be made available because of the ongoing investigation.

