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**SHERIFF AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY ADOPT  
TEMPORARY ENFORCEMENT POLICY OF MEASURE B**

The Mendocino County Superior Court has continued the hearing in the case entitled ***Laguna v. Ranochak*** to **July 25, 2008**. The ***Laguna*** case challenges the plant limitation for medical marijuana contained in Measure B. The challenge is based on the recent ruling in the Second Appellate District case ***People v. Kelly***, which held that the plant limitation set forth in SB420 is unconstitutional. The ***Laguna*** case was continued to await clarification from the courts as to whether the ***People v. Kelly*** decision will actually stand.

Until the Superior court issues a ruling in the ***Laguna*** case, the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney will NOT enforce the plant limitation set forth in Measure B for medical marijuana that is legally prescribed by a physician. Cultivation and possession of marijuana for recreational use IS PROHIBITED UNDER THE LAW. In accordance with the California Health and Safety Code, the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney WILL arrest and prosecute those individuals who cultivate and possess marijuana that is for NON-MEDICAL use.

The Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors restricting the cultivation of MEDICAL MARIJUANA to twenty-five (25) plants per parcel is still in effect. Cultivation of marijuana for recreational use is prohibited under the law and is not permitted under the Cultivation Ordinance. In addition to the restriction of twenty-five (25) medical marijuana plants per parcel, **there shall be no cultivation of marijuana for any reason within 1,000 feet of a school bus stop, church, youth-oriented facility, a school, or a park**. This ordinance will continue to be enforced by the Sheriff, Building and Planning Code Enforcement, and County Counsel.