



City of Red Bluff

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PRESS RELEASE

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CRIME/INCIDENT: Search Warrant Service
DATE OCCURRED: July 28, 2016
SUSPECTS: Benedele, Francis (36 years old of Red Bluff)
Benedele, Chelsea (23 years old of Red Bluff)
LOCATION: 1500 Block of Valerie Way, Red Bluff
CHARGES: Possession of Marijuana for Sale (Felony), Manufacturing Controlled Substance (Felony), Keeping Place to Sell Controlled Substance (Felony), Illegal Possession of an Assault Weapon (Felony) and Felony Child Endangerment,

SUMMARY:

As part of an investigation into illegal marijuana cultivation and sales, Officers from the Red Bluff Police Department, District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations and the Tehama County Probation Department served a search warrant at a residence on Valerie Way in Red Bluff.

During the service of the search warrant, officers located over thirty immature marijuana plants, over twenty pounds of dried marijuana, a loaded Ruger 9mm pistol, an assault rifle, loaded, high capacity magazines, numerous rounds of 5.56 rifle ammunition, concentrated cannabis and several pieces of equipment used in the manufacturing of honey oil.

Francis and Chelsea were arrested for the above listed charges and booked into the Tehama County Jail where both are being held on \$205,000 bail.

Their 20 month old child was taken into protective custody and released to Tehama County Child Protective Services.

The Red Bluff Police Department would like to thank the above mentioned agencies for their assistance with this operation.

Sgt. Michael Graham

July 28th, 2016

The City of Red Bluff is an equal opportunity provider.

We, the members of the Red Bluff Police Department, are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services. Recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership which promotes safe, secure neighborhoods throughout the city.