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LOCAL CANNABIS GROWER TO PAY \$100,000 IN CIVIL CANNABIS ENFORCEMENT SETTLEMENT

People v. Justin Gregory Donnelly; Case No. 19CV001002

MONTEREY, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that to ensure a fair playing field for lawful cannabis growers, her office has settled a civil cannabis enforcement case against Justin Gregory Donnelly, age 47, of Big Sur.

On September 21, 2017, a search warrant executed on Donnelly's property located on Argyle Road in southern Monterey County near King City revealed an unlawful cannabis cultivation operation. Donnelly did not have any state or county licenses or permits to grow cannabis on his property; 1,044 plants were seized and destroyed.

On April 2, 2019, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Marla O. Anderson approved and ordered the Final Judgment and Injunction Pursuant to Stipulation, which includes a five-year injunction prohibiting Donnelly from cultivating cannabis without all proper state and county licenses and permits, a \$94,961.29 civil penalty, and \$5,038.71 in investigative costs.

This case was investigated by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.